





flame thrower capable of sending a jet of fire 80 yards was discovered in an IRA arms cache including bomb-timing devices and ammunition in the grounds of a Belfast hospice yesterday. The Russian-made flame thrower, the first to be found in Northern Ireland, is believed to have been smuggled from Libya. The police said it was with napalm tanks under stairs in an outhouse at Our Lady's Hospice on the Falls Road, which has 70 elderly women patients.

There he again made use of shared hacker intelligence and exploited what he describes as a significant technical flaw enabling him to eschew the need for passwords. "It was all fun at the time."

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## Cabinet members and judges included in list of terrorist targets

# IRA hit unit fled to Ireland after King conspirators' arrest

By Howard Foster and Stewart Tendler

An IRA active service unit intent on murdering Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and other prominent figures fled Britain hours after the arrest of a three-member reconnaissance team convicted at Winchester Crown Court yesterday.

The unit, which was suspected by the security services to have been in Britain in the summer last year, returned to Ireland after Martina Shananhan, Finbar Cullen and John McCann were detained under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. The identities and exact whereabouts of the unit members were not been known.

Shananhan, Cullen and McCann were regarded as an experienced but relatively inexperienced unit sent by the Provisionals to reconnoitre the homes and activities of 34 prominent people, military buildings and Conservative Party offices.

The IRA does not use British sympathisers for that work because security services are believed to have infiltrated the network on the mainland.

Of the three, John McCann was regarded by police as the one most likely to move on to more overt terrorism. While on remand at Winchester prison, he staged his own "dirty protest", similar to that of republican prisoners in the Maze prison, Belfast, in the early 1980s, smearing excrement in his cell and refusing to wear prison clothing.

Detailed drawings by McCann of a self-loading rifle, M1 and AK47 weapons and a RFG7 rocket launcher were found on the back of an official paper in his cell while he was on remand. He claimed to have copied them from a prison text book.

The IRA has not been able to mount a concerted campaign in Britain since the 1984 Brighton bombing. Since then, there has been only one attack, at the Inghis Barracks, Mill Hill, north London, in August.

A few months before the young and relatively inexperienced team of Shananhan, McCann and Cullen arrived in Britain, the police arrested two men in Manchester after they were discovered planting caches of arms in forest land.

In the flat used by the men, who were jailed at the Central Criminal Court this summer, police found maps and atlases covering the whole of Britain.

Operation Jannik, the title given to the intense police activity started by the discovery of the three near Mr King's Wiltshire home, uncovered a list of 19 prominent figures, including judges, politicians and army establishments.

Written in notebooks and on cigarette paper were the names of most of the politicians who, in recent years, had been concerned with Northern Ireland.

However, Cabinet members were not the only ones at risk. Since its discovery, the list, security has been tightened significantly for several of those named by the terrorists.

The terrorists also had the addresses of three Conservative Party constituency offices in the South-west, as well as the addresses of West Country military establishments.

The discovery that Cullen had been to a Blackpool hotel five weeks before the Conservative Party conference last year - and had proposed to marry, using the alias Gabriel Barlow, three-and-a-half weeks before it began - also

concerned security services.

Patrick Magee, the man who planted the bomb at the Grand Hotel in Brighton, had spent some time in Blackpool the year before the bombing looking at targets, including an army camp.

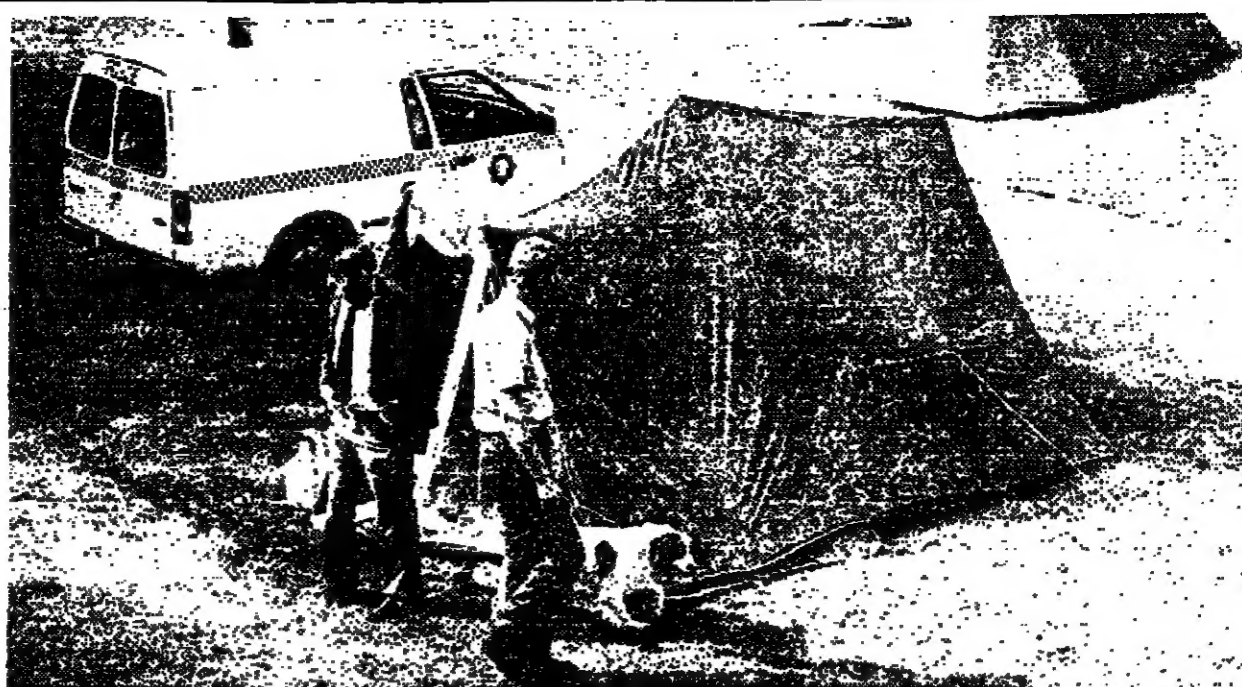
The security services said they wanted to trace a fourth person they believe was working with McCann, Cullen and Shananhan. Under interrogation, the terrorists were not able to explain the presence of four sleeping bags in their tent as they moved from camp sites in London to the West Country. Detectives found envelopes in their car containing photographs of the three and also of another man.

The meticulous account of money spent on their reconnaissance referred to "C1" with a figure identical to that paid for a yellow Datsun motorcar by the terrorists. There was also an entry marked C2, suggesting a second car may have been involved.

Periodically, members of the mainland cell would go to the Kingsway Hotel, Paddington, west London. It is thought that they were passing on information and receiving further financial help.

It is unlikely that Cullen and Shananhan, both students, and McCann, a former fitter and turner with the Irish railways, could have amassed £11,500 which police believe was meant to keep them from May until December last year.

The IRA had deliberately picked a team it knew it could rely on and one whose members would not be missed from amongst republican circles in Dublin. The IRA command was aware that the Irish police keep a watch on known and suspected activists.



Top, a test used by the gang at Wokey Hole, Somerset; above left, their suspected vehicle; above right, Mr King's home.

The IRA also took the risk that the three were not well trained. Their task may have been intended as a test of their capabilities.

Cullen, the son of wealthy, intellectual parents, was born in Dublin in 1960 and was brought up in Maynooth, Co Kildare, where his mother taught history at St Patrick's College. She is a highly-regarded historian and also a woman's rights campaigner.

His father, Dr John Henry Cullen, is a medical doctor and clinical psychiatrist.

Cullen was active in politics at Trinity College, Dublin, joining a student branch of Sinn Féin. He was jailed with

four others for contempt of court after a student demonstration at local health administration offices in protest at proposals to withdraw free health care for students.

The five were kept in Mountjoy prison for several days before purging their contempt.

John McCann, born in Dublin in 1963, lived with his parents in the wealthy Sandymount area. His father, Martina Shananhan had more overt links with the republican cause. A member

of a big, working-class family living in a terraced council house in the Rathfarnham area of Dublin, she drifted in

and out of jobs after leaving school at the age of 16. Her father, Patrick, a former casual labourer with Dublin City Council, was jailed for nine years by the Special Court in Dublin in 1974 for carrying out a raid which netted £600 for the IRA.

The terrorist "hit list" in full: Mr King; Sir Rhodes Boyson, a former Northern Ireland minister; Mr Nicholas Scott, a long-serving Northern Ireland minister; Sir Adam Butler, former Minister of State for Northern Ireland; Sir Peter Mills, former Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland; Mr Richard Needham, former Minister of State; Mr Christopher Patten, former Under Secretary of State;

Major General Richard Clutterbuck, the expert on terrorism; Lord Scarman, chancellor of Warwick University, who held a judicial inquiry into Northern Ireland; Lord Bridge of Harwich, who tried the Birmingham public house bombers; Major General Sir John Acland, who served in Northern Ireland at various times between 1949 and 1970; Lieutenant Colonel David Bromhead; Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs, former GOC of UK Land Forces; Major General John Grey; General Pelling; Major General Tony Palmer; Major General Julian Thompson, former commander in chief of Land Forces in the Falklands; General Sir Richard Trant, former commander of Land Forces in Northern Ireland; and General Sir Peter Whiteley.

## PC denies using neck-hold

A police officer involved in the arrest of Clinton McCurtain, aged 24, was invited yesterday by Mr Anthony Wilkes, his counsel, to demonstrate the head-hold he had employed to subdue the man.

On the fourth day of the inquest into the death of Mr McCurtain, Police Constable Michael Hobday, who weighs 17½ stone, denied using a neck-hold and demonstrated to the jury at Wolverhampton

Crown Court the technique he had used.

Cross-examined by Mr Ian Macdonald, QC, for the McCurtain family, the PC denied lying about the hold.

Earlier, Mr Gerry Belcher, who had assisted the police, told the inquest how he heard PC Hobday responding to the taunts of a crowd in "a stage whisper. He said: 'Hold his neck. I'll break his bloody neck'."

Mr Macdonald referred PC

Hobday to that remark. The policeman agreed it was possible he might have said it. He said he was being pestered by an aggressive man at the time and said many things "hoping to make him back off."

Mr McCurtain, of Bovey Court, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton, died in Dudley Street, Wolverhampton, while resisting arrest on February 24 last year.

The inquest continues today.

## Watchdog to check academic freedom

By Sam Kiley  
Higher Education Reporter

An independent academic watchdog is to be set up to monitor "all cases of infringement of academic freedoms" in British universities and colleges.

The Council for Academic Autonomy, which will have its inaugural meeting on November 11 at the London School of Economics, will offset what many academics see as the danger of a "rapid erosion of freedoms" in the wake of the Education Reform Act. A paper by Dr

Anthony Smith, secretary of the council's steering committee, says the University Funding Council and the Polytechnics and Colleges Funding Council are powerful bodies which will be run largely by industrialists and businessmen whose understanding of academic issues may be limited.

The UFC will replace the University Grants Committee as the funding body for universities from December; the PCFC will play a similar role for polytechnics and other colleges of higher education.

The Government maintains that both

will have an "arm's length" relationship with the Department of Education and Science.

Dr Smith says that because the Secretary of State has power of veto over the academic plan an institution submits for funding, "there is nothing to prevent him from trying to direct higher education institutions to produce plans in line with the economic and social policies of the government of the day".

The council will also monitor the activities of the newly appointed university commissioners who will be amending university statutes and charters.

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Yesterday's Portfolio prize of £4,000 was won by Mr David Evans, aged 54, of Sunbury, Surrey. Mr Evans, a consulting engineer, intends to use some of the money to buy a desk-top computer. The rest will be shared among his wife and three adult children.

## Complaint sent to rugby man

The school rugby coach who has denied teaching dangerous techniques that left a player paralysed for life was sent a letter of complaint by a public school, the High Court was told yesterday.

Millfield School wrote to Mr Alan Rees, Exeter Technical College's rugby coach, because it was worried about the behaviour of one of his boys on the pitch.

Mr Brian Quinn, aged 25, is suing Devon County Council, which runs the college, for damages after he broke his back in an inter-schools match when he was 17. It is claimed Mr Rees taught him "inherently dangerous" techniques and "psyched up" boys before matches because he was obsessed with winning.

Mr Rodney Speed, head of rugby at Millfield, said that another master had written a letter of complaint to Mr Rees. Mr Quinn, of Eaton Drive, Exeter, Devon, says when he used a technique taught by Mr Rees, an England schools selector, he was forced head-first into the ground and fractured his spine.

Yesterday Mr Speed said it was most unlikely that any coach who knew anything about the game would teach the technique. He had never seen an Exeter boy use it.

The hearing continues today.

## Youths deny manslaughter

# 'Soccer fan kicked to death'

A youth was beaten and kicked to death by soccer hooligans as he travelled to a Plymouth Argyle match at Swindon, a court was told yesterday.

Mark Smith, aged 17, a Plymouth Argyle supporter, was allegedly set upon by a group of Swindon Town fans in a carefully planned ambush outside the ground.

He was kicked about the head and died in hospital several days later from a brain haemorrhage. Winchester Crown Court was told.

Miss Rosina Hart, for the prosecution, said Mr Smith, of Dryburgh Crescent, Plymouth, was with a group of Plymouth Argyle supporters when trouble broke out.

In the riot that followed crates of bottles were hurled about and Mr Smith was caught, dragged to the ground, and severely beaten, Miss Hart said.

In the dock are 16 defendants. Twelve are accused of manslaughter, which they deny. They are a youth aged 16; Alan Curtis, 23, of The Rosary, Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire; Darren Drew, 19, of Trinity Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire; Peter Drury, 23, of Buttmore, Cirencester; Adam Fox, 18, of Edington Close, Swindon; Paul Hanks, 22, of Queens Road, Wootton Bassett; Alan Russell, 20, of Cheney Manor Road, Swindon; Mark Stratford, 20, of Westbury Road, Swindon;

Karl Thomas, 25, of Verwood Close, Swindon; Jamie Tomlinson, 19, of Watermoor Road, Cirencester; Mark Vives, 20, Shakespeare Road, Wootton Bassett; Michael Webb, 23, of Washbourne Road, Wootton Bassett.

All except Drury deny a further charge of riot. Four others also deny rioting. They are: Paul Baker, 22, and Ian Curtis, 19, of The Rosary, Wootton Bassett; Matthew O'Donnell, 20, of Station Road, Wootton Bassett; Tyrone Probert, 23, of Selverton Road, Swindon. Five deny assault: Adam Fox, Paul Hanks, Alan Russell, Jamie Tomlinson, Michael Webb. Drury has admitted assault.

The trial continues today.

## Bishop attacks church's ignorance

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Editor

A bleak picture of ignorance and lack of commitment in the Church of England has been drawn up by the Bishop of Salisbury, Dr John Baker.

Regular church-goers do not understand their faith; raising money for the church is regarded as a burden; and the General Synod has failed to provide the church with a common mind, he believes.

"There is something fundamentally wrong with the way we shape our life in the

Church of England", Dr Baker says. He will explain his diagnosis at 21 deanery meetings in the next six months.

Most church members had only a fragmentary understanding of the Christian faith, he says. They needed to absorb a good deal of knowledge and experience the church's proper spiritual authority.

There was no common stock of knowledge and understanding between the clergy

and their flocks. "People feel that everyone else must know more, pray better, understand more clearly, and live more faithfully than they do."

"So they keep this humiliating anxiety hidden from their fellow-worshippers and most of all from the vicar. If you don't believe me, why is it that adults in the congregation never pay so much attention as when something absolutely elementary is being explained to the children?"



## Pickle ladies fail to preserve peace

By Robin Young

A Women's Institute competition for home preserves ended yesterday with allegations of cheating at chutney-making and counter-charges of sour grapes.

A BBC2 team preparing a television series, *The Perfect Pickle Programme*, which is to be screened from November 9, filmed the ladies of two rival WI branches preparing preserves before this year's Cheshire Show.

In 1987 the young farmers' wives of the Mere and Over Tabley branch had upset the apple-cart by scoring a victory over the ladies of neighbouring Dunham Massey, who had long dominated the competition.

This year Mere and Over Tabley's

apple preserve won again, but Dunham's Mrs Sybil Norcott, who has previously appeared on television making pickles and teaches the art to WI members throughout Cheshire, complained that Mere and Over Tabley had substituted a more mature relish than the one they had made before the television cameras.

"The whole thing is pretty horrid", Mrs Norcott said yesterday. "We both made chutney for the television programme but there was only six weeks for it to mature."

"We had the opportunity to switch our entry for a mature one too, but we were honest. I only hope it does not cause trouble between the institutes, now that it has blown up."

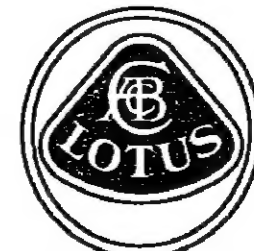
Mere's Mrs Helen Faulkner, of Backlow Hill, near Knutsford, said: "I

would rather not say anything about it. I am getting into rather a tight corner."

Mr David Mabey, who presents *The Perfect Pickle Programme*, confirmed yesterday that there was no contractual requirement that the pickle made for the programme should be that actually entered for the show.

"Mrs Norcott lost because her chutney was milder", he said, "and though that had only happened because it had been knocking about in front of television lights for hours in less than hygienic conditions, her complaint does smack of sour grapes."

Mrs Norcott's final comment was: "This should at least change our image among those who think the WI is all jam and Jerusalem. We are very serious about chutney, too."



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# New AS-level course is chosen by 7,000 pupils, survey shows

By David Tytler, Education Editor

Nearly 7,000 A-level students are taking the first AS level course designed to widen the knowledge of sixth formers, according to details published by the Department of Education and Science yesterday.

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, said yesterday that he hoped the new examination would become more popular. "I hope many more students will choose a mix of A and AS levels to secure a broad and balanced study programme."

The survey shows that about 15 per cent of schools, 30 per cent of sixth-form colleges and 8 per cent of colleges of higher education were offering the course which began in September 1987.

It takes half the time of an A level, and the first examinations will be held next summer.

The 1987-88 survey showed that 6,200 students were studying AS levels in schools, 290 in sixth-form colleges and 350 in colleges.

The most popular courses were general studies, mathematics, computing, English and French. Psychology was

School attendance officers are back on the streets looking for truant children. Bedfordshire county education officers have joined forces with the police in teams of two — a police officer and an education welfare officer — who will stop children and ask them to explain why they are not at school. If the explanations are unconvincing education officers then visit the parents.

In the first year of the scheme 180 of the 357 children stopped were truants. Attendance now top 90 per cent.

The Times Educational Supplement reports that county officials want magistrates to impose stiffer fines on parents whose children are found guilty of truancy.

popular in the colleges while more schools offered mathematics than any other subject.

In the first year the new course was offered in 407, about 15 per cent, of schools with A level pupils. This academic year nearly half the country's schools will be offering the new course.

● A GCSE examination board announced yesterday that it was cutting its fees, a year after protests from schools about the cost of entering pupils for the new examination (Douglas Broom writes).

The high cost of developing GCSE, without any financial help from central Government, was blamed by the boards for the fact that entry fees for the first GCSE examinations were up to 50 per cent higher than those charged for O Level and CSE.

The Southern Examining Group said yesterday that rationalization of its component boards had enabled it to cut 50p from its standard entrance fee, bringing the price per pupil, per subject, down to £12.25.

The SEG, like all the other GCSE examining "groups", was formed by GCE boards and the now-redundant CSE regional boards. The Oxford GCE Board has absorbed the Southern Regional CSE board, and the South East and South West CSE boards have merged with the Associated Examining Board in the SEG.

# Ashdown sees slice of philanthropic life

By Alan Hamilton

Mr Paddy Ashdown, who suffers from chronic and incurable enthusiasm, exclaimed: "Fantastic. This is the reincarnation of Victorian capitalist philanthropy." Perhaps unfortunately for his image, he was looking at the sort of enterprise that would deliver to Mrs Margaret Thatcher a rosy glow of ecstasy.

The leader of the Social and Liberal Democrats, on a two-week tour in search of what his publicity handouts call "the hidden price of Thatcherism", was in Halifax, West Yorkshire, standing in the middle of what was once the biggest carpet factory in Europe. It closed in 1982, leaving 500 men redundant and 1.25-million square feet of floorspace echoing empty.

Now, 2,500 people make a living in its cavernous interior, thanks to the enterprise of Mr Ernest Hall, a professional musician turned property developer who has encouraged 200 businesses, from self-employed craft workers to the personnel department of the world's biggest building society, to occupy its vastness.

The Dean Clough mill was revived without a penny of local authority money. Mr Hall is not only rich, but has a social conscience. The complex includes an art gallery and education centre.

The project has cost Mr Hall £10 million so far. Rents are based on what businesses can afford to pay. He said: "I think simply making profit is a



Mr Ashdown beside the River Aire, Leeds, reputedly the most polluted in Yorkshire (Photograph: Barry Greenwood).

shallow view of life. The enterprise culture which is spreading across England expresses profit in a much more greedy way."

Mr Ashdown then moved to Leeds, where a newly created urban development corporation is proposing to cover a wedge of green in the city with

were objecting to a scheme to redevelop a group of old warehouses where 70 local people were employed.

A hapless official of the London Docklands Development Corporation was failing to satisfy the criticism. Mr Ashdown could not contain himself from the fray. "I think

that it would have been useful, and indeed courteous to the local people, had the LDDC sent one of their board members, with the power to make decisions."

Mr Ashdown finished his day by visiting down-and-outs bedding down under the cold concrete of the South Bank.

## Govan by-election

## Candidates turn the focus on jobs

By Kerry Gill

There is no way of escaping the Govan by-election, fixed for November 10, even if you are a night shift worker at the Govan Kvaerner shipyard.

Men emerging from their shift were met by Mr Bob Gillespie, the Labour candidate criticizing the Government for its "fiddle" of the unemployment figures.

Later in the day, some of them were doubtless woken by Mr "Grisette" Hamilton, the Conservative candidate, as he toured the streets of the constituency spreading the message of Thatcherism.

Mr Gillespie, defending a majority of 19,500 against a bid by the Scottish National Party to wrest the seat from Labour, said he welcomed new orders at the yard, but that future orders depended on government subsidies.

He said the test of the so-called economic miracle in Scotland was the number of jobs created, after speaking to some of the 500 men facing redundancy in the wake of the takeover of Govan by Norwegians.

"The real test of recovery is not the reductions in the unemployment figures — which have been fiddled so often as to be meaningless —

but how many jobs have been created. Last year Scotland had the lowest percentage increase of all areas in the UK in the total number of jobs created," Mr Gillespie said.

"Govan already has more than 2,000 long-term unemployed men. What is the Government offering these men or the 500 now being made redundant as a result of the takeover of Govan Shipbuilders?"

Mr Hamilton emphasized the number of families in Govan who are dependent on defence-related industries.

"Across the river we have Yarrow's Shipyard currently building three frigates for the Royal Navy. Five hundred Govan families depend on the wages coming from this yard, and, of course, further down the river we have Faslane."

Asked how Govan people might view the recently announced closure of the Royal Ordnance factory at Bishopclee, Mr Hamilton said he would like to see another company, such as Ferranti, GKN or Short Brothers, take over to secure the future of jobs.

General election, June 1987: B. Millan (Lab.) 54,071; A. Morrison (SNP) 4,850; Mrs J. Hamilton (Con.) 4,411; P. Gillespie (Lab.) 4,388. (Comm.) 237. Lab. majority: 19,500.

## Weekend food prices

## Poultry sales soar despite price rise

Fresh chicken sales in Britain are soaring in spite of a price rise of at least 5p a lb at the beginning of August. That was due mostly to the higher cost of animal feed from the United States where drought destroyed the corn crops. Last month consumers bought 10 million fresh whole or portioned birds, half a million pounds of chicken more than in the previous month.

This month's prices for a whole fresh chicken range from promotional offers of 59p a lb to 99p a lb; chicken quarters £1.05 to £1.24 per lb; boneless breasts £2.34 to £3.09 a lb; and poussins £1.19 to £1.25 each.

Most meat prices are stable this week but one of the best buys is rump steak, down 3p a lb to an average price of £3.38 a lb. It is on special offer at Tesco for £2.49 a lb and at Sainsbury for £2.98 a lb. Top side ranges from £2.25 to £3.09 a lb and is on offer at Sainsbury for £1.99 a lb.

Home produced lamb continues to be reasonably priced. Best end and loin chops are down 1p to 5p a lb. Whole leg is an average of £1.80 in the South-east and £1.72 in the rest of England and Wales.

The best promotional offers are at Asda where whole and half legs are £1.29 a lb, and whole shoulders 69p a lb.

Sainsbury has loin joints down 40p a lb to £1.38 a lb and loin chops down 30p a lb to £1.68.

Best pork promotions this week are Presto, boned and rolled shoulder 98p a lb, Sainsbury fillet half leg 87p a lb, Dewhurst 99p a lb and Sainsbury boned rolled shoulder 98p a lb and Bejam 10-pack loin chops 99p a lb down 30p a lb.

Home-grown vegetables are in good supply and cheap: carrots from 10p a lb, swedes from 15p a lb, potatoes from 9p a lb and parsnips from 24 to 45p a lb.

English apples widely available are Coxes, 40p to 55p a lb; Kays, 35p to 50p a lb; Barton and Russets 40p to 50p a lb.

Salads in plentiful supply are celery 25p to 50p a head, iceberg lettuce 40p to 75p each, round lettuce 18p to 28p, spring onions 20p to 40p a bunch and watercress 30p to 40p a bunch. Guernsey hot-house tomatoes 30p to 52p a lb and Spanish tomatoes 30 to 50p a lb are in good supply but outdoor tomatoes are finishing.

For Halloween do not forget pumpkins 20p to 30p a lb for the lanterns, and Italian and Spanish chestnuts 90p to £1.25 a lb, English cop nuts £1.40 to £1.90 a lb and French walnuts £1 to £1.40 a lb.

## Chichester's director

A director of theatre in Canada, last year's distinguished British actor, has been chosen to become the next director of the Chichester Festival Theatre (Andrew Gillen writes).

Mr John Phillips, aged 46, was born in London and trained at the Royal Old Vic before becoming assistant director of the Royal Shakespeare Company in 1974 and

1988 he was artistic director of the Stratford Festival in Canada. Since 1986, he has been director of the festival's Young Company.

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## National Aids campaign

# Health agency in rift with Whitehall over use of TV

By Thomson Practice Science Correspondent

A serious rift has developed between the Department of Health and the government-appointed Health Education Authority over the launch of a national Aids campaign.

The conflict over next month's campaign is being seen by some HEA staff as a symptom of a deteriorating relationship with the Government over a number of health education issues. The authority was promised independence in 1987 when it was set up 18 months ago to replace the abolished Health Education Council, which fought many battles with Whitehall.

The HEA, which took over responsibility from the department for developing campaigns on Aids and other public health projects, is coming under increasing top-level pressure to change some of its strategies.

Some staff say they are "demoralized" and are close to resigning if there is no improvement. "Independence is a myth. We no longer have any misconceptions about that", one said yesterday.

The conflict is over the

A warning of the risk of disease in overcrowded and insanitary jails was given yesterday by Judge Tuning, the Chief Inspector of Prisons. His annual report says: "We would like to have seen blood tests routinely performed for Aids and hepatitis, although we appreciate that there is a substantial body of professional opinion against it."

HEA's decision to drop Aids television commercials from this winter's campaign and to concentrate on press and other media advertising.

That move is being strongly criticised by health ministers and department officials who feel that television messages are an essential element in efforts to emphasize the risks of Aids to the general public.

The authority's view, supported by research, is that television advertisements have little or no lasting impact, fail to change sexual behaviour, and are not cost-effective. Last May the authority dropped the agency which produced all the Aids television and cinema commercials.

The issue will be discussed

The cost of interfering with the civil rights of inmates by performing blood tests must be weighed against the serious costs of disease transmission.

The Prison Department said that recommendation could not be accepted.

Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons, 1987 (Stationery Office, 24.88)

at a meeting between HEA and Department of Health officials in mid-November. The campaign is due to be launched two weeks later.

Mr David Mellor, Minister of State for Health, and Mrs Edwina Currie, Under-Secretary of State for Health, are both critical of the authority's decision. Mr Mellor has said that he is "highly sceptical" of any Aids campaign that does not involve television, and is supported by some specialists in the disease.

When the HEA was formed on April 1, 1987, Mr Norman Fowler, then Secretary of State for Social Services, said he hoped it would be a "sturdily independent and campaigning organization".

Dr David Player, the direc-

tor-general of the Health Education Council, was effectively dismissed with the abolition of the HEC for being too independent.

He complained about government interference. Shortly before he left, he was ordered to cancel with only 45 minutes' notice a press conference to launch an HEC report which accused the Government of widening the "health gap" between rich and poor.

Last week an editorial in *The Lancet* raised questions about the authority's effectiveness. "If the HEA is to convince the taxpayer of its worthiness it must only invest in activities whose effectiveness is proven, and in research that is capable of providing such proof", it said.

The General Medical Council has objected to a government plan to test pregnant women for traces of the Aids virus in an attempt to assess how far the infection has spread in the population.

The GMC says it would be unfair to discriminate against the women but it would not object to a more general programme of anonymous testing.

## A caress from a Killa



The name is Killa Killa, but the nine-year-old gorilla at Howletts Zoo, Canterbury, is all gentleness as she caresses her third infant - Mataka, a 4½ lb male, born last week. It was the thirtieth gorilla to be born at the zoo (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

## Clergyman withdraws invitation to mayor

Mr Smith Midgley, the Lord Mayor of Bradford, has been snubbed by a rector for his role in pushing through a package of Conservative cuts which could mean the loss of 9,000 jobs over five years.

Mr Midgley, who used his casting vote to back the cuts, had been invited to a ceremony at St Andrew's Church, Keighley, on November 11 to celebrate environmental improvements.

Canon Peter Hutchinson has now written to council leaders saying Mr Midgley will no longer be welcome at his church.

The letter says: "I can no longer treat Councillor Smith Midgley as the town's chief and representative citizen".

A spokesman for the Lord Mayor said he had no comment to make.

Meanwhile, the National and Local Government Officers' Association will meet in London today to consider taking legal action over the cuts. Two Bradford ratepayers are already seeking an injunction for a judicial review against the council over the Lord Mayor's use of the casting vote.

Yesterday ballot papers on proposed strike action next month were being handed to Nalco's 6,000 Bradford members.

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## Personnel managers

# Warning of costly EEC pay deals

By Roland Budd, Employment Affairs Reporter

British companies were yesterday given a warning to resist union demands for pan-European negotiations in the run-up to 1992.

Personnel managers at their annual conference in Harrogate, North Yorkshire, were told that union moves to negotiate across borders could undermine the role of management and build up pressure for pay rises.

Mr Bill Robbins, director of human resources services at the W.F. company, advised British managers not to finance union demands to have pan-European discussions in various companies across the Continent.

The warning comes only a fortnight after Mr Bill Jordan, president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, went to Washington to try to persuade the International Metalworkers' Federation to draw up a prototype agreement giving European unions a say in the terms and conditions of multinational companies such as Ford and General Motors.

Mr Robbins said that if this pan-European strategy was brought into British negotiations and pay comparisons were made with other European countries - particularly in the motor industry - managers in Britain could find themselves under renewed pressure to award further pay increases.

Pay and employment conditions were likely to change dramatically because of 1992. Mr Philip Burnford, managing director of Hay Management Consultants, said the combination of demographic changes and the increase in demand for skilled young people could result in a British brain-drain.

He cited the example of a large European computer company whose need for qualified workers in certain key disciplines was greater

than the output of all the European universities.

Mr Burnford said that Britain, in particular, was vulnerable because its universities have an easily accessible recruitment process through placement offices. He also said that the British were attracted by the opportunity to work overseas where salaries are so much higher.

For the first time in Britain there is considerable corporate concern with internal pay comparisons as general managers here notice how much better off German sales managers are.

The beginning of an international pay market for executives will most affect Britain because of its low salaries, he said.

Mr Geoffrey Martin, head of external relations at the European Commission, said it was time to explode the myth that a group of "boring Brussels bureaucrats" were trying to harmonize everything into a European cultural desert.

He said 1992 was of great importance to the growth and prosperity of Europe. With unemployment so high Europe "needs to speak with one voice to help and attract the sunrise industries of the future" to invest in Europe's depressed areas.

Mr Roy Grantham, general secretary of the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff (APEX) told the conference that trade unions welcome the opportunity to ballot members, are more willing to discuss issues with management and are working with single union agreements.

"Most unions accept the need to involve their members fully in major decisions that relate to their employment, and this has been the greatest change in employee relations in our country in the post-war period", he said.

## Lake inquest opened

The inquest into the death of a girl aged 12 in a water-skiing accident on Windermere in the Lake District was opened and adjourned at Kendal, Cumbria, yesterday pending the hearing of charges against two people over the incident.

The two, due to appear at

Windermere in December on manslaughter charges, are Woman Police Constable Karen Neale, aged 25, of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, driver of the water-ski boat, and Mr Richard Green, aged 22, of Ilke, West Yorkshire, the water skier.

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## Siberian radar base will be converted to civilian research

Moscow (Reuters) — The Soviet Union said yesterday that a controversial radar complex in Krasnoyarsk, Siberia, would be handed over to the Academy of Sciences for use as a civilian space research centre.

At the same time the Foreign Ministry said that two other former radar installations which the United States said could violate the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty would be destroyed.

The superpowers have been arguing over the Krasnoyarsk radar for about two years in controversy regarded as having been partly responsible for slow progress in agreement on a strategic arms treaty.

On September 16 President Gorbachev first proposed turning it into an international space centre — an idea rejected by the United States, which wants it dismantled.

Moscow has consistently argued that the Krasnoyarsk station did not go against the treaty, which bars the two powers from deploying nationwide defences against strategic missiles.

In September, 1987, a group of US congressmen was taken on a tour of the centre. Initially their report supported the Soviet view, but later most of the delegation expressed agreement with the US stand that it should be dismantled.

Asked after yesterday's news conference why Krasnoyarsk should not share the same fate as the two former radar installations, which comprise mobile wagons at sites near Moscow and Go-

mel, a Soviet official said: "Why destroy something that can be used to the benefit of the whole world?"

The Soviet statement said that, in implementing the new measures, Moscow expected "that both sides will approach questions of observing all the clauses of the ABM treaty as it was signed in 1972 both strictly and responsibly".

● SCHEVENINGEN: Nato defence ministers rounded on the Belgian Government yesterday for "needlessly" causing trouble within the alliance over proposals that could involve the future deployment of extra nuclear weapons and modernized short-range missiles in Europe (Michael Evans writes).

M Guy Coeme, the new Belgian Defence Minister, was given a hard time when he tried to explain to his fellow ministers at the Nuclear Planning Group (NPG) meeting in Scheveningen in The Netherlands, why his Government had misgivings about a Nato report which suggested a new mix of European nuclear forces.

The report, by Nato's High Level Group, recommended that ministers should encourage their countries to "actively pursue" options for deploying additional nuclear-capable aircraft. According to British sources, this would mean a number of Nato countries taking on extra American F111 bombers and also the new F15E Strike Eagle, which is nuclear-capable and has the same range as the F111.

The report also raised the

question of assigning American cruise-missile submarines and more US ballistic-missile submarines to the command of the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, General John Galvin.

The High Level Group also presented the ministers with a second report about the controversial issue of short-range nuclear missiles. While not making specific recommendations about modernizing the arsenal of Lance missiles, the report stated that short-range nuclear forces "must be taken into account" by Nato governments in any future planning of weapon deployments in Europe.

It was important for the unity of the alliance in the post-INF era — particularly in British and American eyes — that the two reports should receive unanimous endorsement by the allies. But the Belgians, now beset with difficult political problems with the arrival of the first Flemish Socialists in the coalition Government, took flight.

According to British sources, Mr Coeme made it clear that his Government felt things were going too fast. They did not want any decisions on post-INF restructuring at this stage.

Part of the problem for the Belgians is that they would be asked to be one of the basing countries, if Nato agreed to the deployment of extra F111s.

Mr Coeme was reminded that the High Level Group report had been produced by officials. It was not about to be acted on by governments.

## Sidelines seat for Ligachov



Moscow (AP) — Mr Yegor Ligachov, left, moving up beside Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Soviet Prime Minister, to speak to the man who removed him as Kremlin deputy chief, President Gorbachev, at a meeting of the Supreme Soviet yesterday.

The exchange came amid new speculation about Mr Ligachov's future, caused by his isolation in seating arrangements at the meeting for the 12 Politburo members. No explanation was given for a vacant seat between him and Mr Ryzhkov, but changes in Kremlin leadership have often been heralded by slight shifts in protocol (AP reports).

Mr Ligachov, who was demoted from running ideology to agriculture in a Politburo shake-up last month, was effectively left isolated in the corner beside the empty chair while other members of the Politburo chatted throughout the session. Mr Ligachov moved over briefly to speak to President Gorbachev then returned to his seat.

During the session, officials said that they would start liquidating businesses and farms

that cannot turn a profit in an effort to bolster the sagging economy and eliminate a budget deficit expected to reach 36 billion roubles (£36 billion) next year.

"A number of enterprises are on the brink of being eliminated," Mr Boris Gostev, the Finance Minister, told the 1,500 deputies of the Supreme Soviet, gathered at the Grand Kremlin Palace for a two-day session on the 1989 development plan and the 494-billion-rouble government budget.

The economic report painted a gloomy picture of Soviet life. But the 1989 plan promised dramatic improvements in what Mr Yuri Maslyukov, head of the State Planning Committee (Gosplan), conceded was a response "to criticism in the press and by deputies".

In an extraordinary turnaround for a nation that has long placed industrial development first, Mr Gostev said investment was shifting to the consumer sector, which he said should grow 2.3 times faster than heavy industry during the next year.

## Germans ask the price of Kohl's Moscow triumph

From Richard Owen, Bonn

Chancellor Helmut Kohl returned to Bonn yesterday from four days in Moscow with a triumph his critics had not bargained for — President Gorbachev's promise (not immediately confirmed by the Kremlin) to free all those regarded by the West as political prisoners by the end of the year.

Before the Moscow trip, the magazine *Der Spiegel* carried a cartoon showing Herr Kohl setting off with a big suitcase labelled "Expectations". But yesterday the press was full of praise for the "positive balance" he had achieved in Moscow, with much emphasis on what the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* called "the cultivated European manner" in which the Kremlin talks had been conducted.

Even the French, who keep a close eye on every move Germany makes in relations with the East, had warm words. "The *Quotidien de Paris*, picking up the *Spiegel* image, said Herr Kohl was coming back with "a splendid present in his suitcase".

But it added a cautionary note. "Of course, we do not yet know what the Germans have offered the Russians in exchange." Almost before Herr Kohl stepped off the plane yesterday, many West Germans were asking themselves the same question.

"Gorbachev told our businessmen in Moscow that the ice had been broken," one said. "But where will the thaw take us?"

West Germans make no secret of their desire for better relations with the East. The division of Germany still rankles, and there is a powerful emotional tug eastwards. Op-

inion polls conducted in both Bonn and Moscow during the visit showed that roughly the same proportion of Germans and Russians — about 84 per cent — believe Mr Gorbachev is "a man to be trusted".

On the other hand, German officials are fully aware that their American and European allies are worried that West Germany might be seduced by Moscow with vague promises of German renunciation in a politically neutral Central Europe. This comes at a time when there is growing West German resentment over the huge US military presence in West Germany, coupled with the possibility — it is no more than that — that a new US President might withdraw US troops from Europe.

With superpower relations on the back burner for election time, the Russians are seeking to persuade a stream of European visitors to Moscow that Russia and West Europe share "a common European home", an argument to which Bonn is susceptible.

A particular worry for Britain is that Moscow might assume that it has full European backing for a human rights conference in Moscow to cement the new East-West atmosphere, when in fact Britain wants to see many more countries joined by the Kremlin in the direction of democracy before such a meeting is considered.

● STOCKHOLM: Sweden has deported a Soviet spy — a former KGB agent — who failed to qualify as a refugee. An immigration board spokesman said the move was part of a tougher policy toward Soviet asylum-seekers.

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### Palestinian rebels held in Germany

Bonn (Reuters) — West German police have detained 13 Palestinian guerrillas in a nationwide swoop that also unearthed large caches of arms. Weapons, ammunition, explosives and a grenade-launcher were found in 16 houses searched in Frankfurt, Hamburg, West Berlin and Nuremberg. A spokesman for the prosecutor in Düsseldorf said the 13, members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, had planned "an action abroad, not in West Germany". There did not appear to be a connection between the group's "commandos" and West German urban guerrillas, they said. The organization, a radical, hardline group based in Damascus, has been fiercely opposed to Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, and has advocated armed struggle as the ideal means of regaining Arab territories occupied by Israel.

### Former tycoon flees

Madrid (Reuters) — Señor José María Ruiz Mateos, the one-time tycoon, donned a wig in the latest colourful episode of his cat-and-mouse game with police and slipped away from his guards in Spain's High Court yesterday. The director-general of police, Señor José María Rodríguez Colorado, sacked the High Court's security chief within hours. Witnesses said Señor Ruiz Mateos, the former head of Rumasa Holding who faces trial for fraud, vanished from a waiting room. Three false moustaches and some of his clothing were later found in a lavatory, court sources said.

### Latin challenge to US

Puerto Rico, Uruguay — Latin American heads of state meeting here yesterday called for a "new relationship" with the United States, especially on issues like the region's \$420 billion foreign debt and drug trafficking (Michael Llanos writes). The call came amid US fears that the so-called Group of Eight was trying to undermine US influence in the region by meeting outside the Organization of American States. President Alfonsín of Argentina said that the Group had an international political identity. President García of Peru emphasized that they were not seeking confrontation.

### Solidarity talks 'off'

Warsaw — Mr Lech Walesa, the leader of Solidarity, said yesterday that the Polish Government no longer wanted to talk to the outlawed trade union, and that he had no plans to meet government negotiators for round-table talks which were supposed to begin today (Richard Bassett writes). "They still choke on the word Solidarity," Mr Walesa said, adding: "Some union activists are of course ready to strike now, but I wouldn't like to have strikes because Lech Walesa orders them; it is the people themselves who should decide." Last time he said this, 24 factories went on strike.

### Cubans seek refuge

Havana (Reuters) — Two Cuban men and a woman seeking political asylum took refuge inside the residence of the West German Ambassador in Havana on Monday in an apparent bid to force the authorities to allow them to go to the United States, diplomatic sources said yesterday. In Bonn, a Foreign Ministry spokesman denied the three were in the ambassador's residence but admitted they were in the grounds of the embassy compound. The West German charge d'affaires in Havana had no comment, and no Cuban government official was immediately available.

### Syrians snub Britain

Britain asked Syria last April to allow it send more diplomats to Damascus, even though the two countries have not had diplomatic relations since 1986 (Andrew McEwen writes). The request was turned down. The unannounced move came to light yesterday after the visit to Damascus by four MPs, which Syria hoped would lead to talks on a resumption of relations. This puts a new light on the lack of interest the Government has shown in Syria's olive branch, and on its public disapproval of the MPs' visit. Britain has three diplomats working in the Syrian capital.

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## Seeking another Truman miracle

# Dukakis milks the history books to sustain fightback

From Charles Bremner, Rockford, Illinois

With little else to comfort him, Mr. Michael Dukakis spent the day brandishing Harry Truman's glass of milk as he campaigned through Illinois and Missouri yesterday, relentlessly comparing himself to the patron saint of America's underdogs.

From the gritty South Side of Chicago to Truman's home town of Independence, the governor invoked the legend of the late President's 1948 victory against all the polls and conventional wisdom of the time.

In the latest of this election's polls, *The Washington Post* yesterday put the governor's support at 44 per cent compared with 52 per cent for Vice-President George Bush, a slightly narrower gap than surveys had showed earlier this week.

"I draw my inspiration today from that little guy who went to bed with a glass of milk and a sandwich and woke to be elected President of the United States," Mr. Dukakis told a nightclub full of supporters in Chicago's gritty southern suburbs.

As American school children are meant to know, President Truman was given up for politically dead right up to election night when newspapers announced Thomas Dewey's victory.

"He was a very special man," said this year's underdog. "He was short of stature and he wasn't the greatest speaker in the world."

Historians would disagree on the equivalence. Meek Michael is no match for old "Give 'em hell Harry". One disillusioned Democratic observer commented yesterday: "Going to bed with a glass of milk

is about the only thing Dukakis would have in common with Truman."

But the governor came up with a few fresh salvos against his rival as he pursued his drive to present himself as the man of the people against Mr. Bush, the friend of the rich — a line that goes down well in the economically troubled state of Illinois.

Mr. Bush's plans for relief on capital gains tax, for instance, was "Halloween come early", he said. "It's a treat for the wealthy 1 per cent and a trick for the rest of us. What are they going to do with the



money — hire a new butler, a lifeguard for the pool?"

In Illinois, one of the crucial big states, the Bush offensive scored early results, withering Mr. Dukakis's early lead. A *Chicago Sun Times* poll showed yesterday that the Vice-President was ahead but only by a statistically insignificant 3 per cent.

"The race is still up for grabs. Pollsters don't vote, people do," Mr. Dukakis told rallies across the Midwestern states yesterday as his campaign worked hard to dispel the aura of defeat that has settled on the campaign.

One aide, for example, quickly corrected herself when she mentioned on the campaign bus: "Nice place, Chicago, I'm looking for a job here... I mean after spending the next eight years in Washington, of course."

Reaching into the history

books again, Mr. Dukakis also compared himself to John Kennedy, who won the state of Illinois in 1960 by only 8,800 votes.

Mrs. Kitty Dukakis, the candidate's passionate alter ego, turned-up alongside him yesterday and did her bit to correct the image of "Michael the Ice Man," as Mr. Bush, the cartoonists and the Republican commentators call him.

Taking the issue of the "passion gap" in her first sentence, Mrs. Dukakis spoke of her husband's support when they lost a baby and of his help when she tried to break her dependence on amphetamine diet pills in 1978. "He said at the time 'you're more important to me than my re-election'."

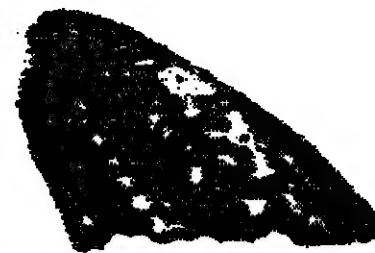
The allusion to drug dependence caused a stir of apprehension, since half the audience appeared unaware of Mrs. Dukakis's past problem.

In the climate of this election, drugs are something that only bad people are involved with. "They should be careful about coming around these parts talking about drugs," said Mr. Dan Pucinski, a local organizer. "People might get the wrong idea."

As the Dukakis team kept up its "war of the facts" trying to disprove Mr. Bush's claims about their candidate, *The New York Times* issued a survey on the black vote that bodes ill for the Democrats in Chicago and the other big cities.

The old black loyalty to the Democrats was eroding, it found, particularly among young blacks. Eighteen per cent of blacks under 44 were planning to vote for Mr. Bush compared with only 6 per cent who were aged 45 and older.

## Ice rescue operation renews debate on whaling



One of two California grey whales, whose way to the open sea was cleared by two Soviet icebreakers yesterday, surfacing amid the Arctic ice near Barrow in Alaska.

President Reagan thanked the crews of the icebreakers and other rescuers within an hour of the whales being freed (Our Foreign Staff writes).

"The humane persistence and determination by so many individuals shows mankind's concern for the environment. It has been inspiring," he said.

Jubilant Eskimo villagers organized a celebration yesterday with the crew of the two icebreakers.

However, Mr. Halldor Asgrimsson, the Fisheries Minister of Iceland,

criticized the million-dollar operation, saying it revealed "double morality". "The same superpowers are killing masses of whales, even stocks that are protected," he told Parliament.

World environmental groups described the rescue as hypocritical. Mr. Campbell Plowden, Greenpeace's Whale Campaign Co-ordinator, said:

"If this much attention (were) paid to the plight of the hundreds of whales harpooned each year by Japan, Iceland and Norway, the whales could be truly saved."

Mr. Paul Watson, founder of the Sea Shepherd Society, said that the three-week effort was a hypocritical "kitten-in-the-tree" media event.

## Bush the optimist plugs message of prosperity

From Michael Binyon, Tacoma, Washington

Two new polls yesterday showed that Vice-President George Bush has held on to his commanding lead over his Democratic opponent.

A Washington Post/ABC poll gave him 52 per cent, compared with 44 per cent for Governor Michael Dukakis. A USA Today/CNN poll put him even farther ahead with a lead of 12 percentage points.

With only 12 days left until the election, the figures have given an added boost to the confident Bush campaign.

The Washington Post/ABC poll shows he continues to lead in every region of the country, although his support

in the South has fallen slightly. It also shows that he has a clear advantage among men, the more affluent voters and political independents — the key swing voters that each side is wooing.

Mr. Bush, however, insists as he stumps the country that he will continue campaigning as though he were 10 points behind. "I am going to keep on right down to the wire. I am not going to let up."

In a final swing through the sparse Northern states and down the West Coast, he is sticking to his campaign's two fundamental but effective themes: peace and prosperity.

On both he has trumpeted a record of success: the longest postwar economic expansion

at home, an unprecedented arms agreement and the ending of protracted regional conflicts abroad.

This agenda has given the Vice-President an enormous advantage over his opponent. He is able to portray himself as an optimist in the Reagan mould while insisting that Mr. Dukakis, in quarrelling with the record, is a candidate of "gloom and doom".

But Democratic charges that the "Swiss cheese economy" is not as good as the figures suggest and has left many people behind have nevertheless touched a vulnerable point.

All this week, therefore, Mr. Bush has been spreading a message of economic op-

timism: America is number one, has nothing to fear from foreign competition, and can continue the economic expansion until everyone has a job.

In Detroit, he delivered a rousing speech to businessmen, full of impressive statistics and confident predictions.

In the past eight years, he said, the US had created jobs at 14 times the rate of West Germany, eight times as fast as Italy, and three times as fast as Britain. America was first among the big industrialized countries.

"America produces more beef, more corn, more computer software, more computer hardware, more commercial aircraft, more telecommunications software, more

outstanding universities, more good ideas and more freedom than any nation on this planet," he declared.

All this, he insisted, was in strong contrast to the economic misery that "liberal Democrats" said was just around the corner.

Mr. Bush denied that America was losing its competitive edge. The key lay in increased investment, a skilled workforce and low taxes. He emphasizes the third point repeatedly.

He even turns at times to Britain's new-found prosperity and the Thatcher example to show that socialism is in retreat the world over and that economies are following the American example.

## Polls toll knell for Democrats as time runs out

By Robert Worcester

Twelve days to go until polling day in America, and the Dukakis bandwagon is stalled, according to the latest polls.

Four more national polls have been published this week, to add to the eight taken last week after the second and final presidential television debate.

The four polls, two from Gallup and one each from CBS/New York Times and Cable News Network are all within 1 per cent of 56 per cent for Mr. George Bush and 44 per cent for Mr. Michael Dukakis after eliminating "don't knows".

All four were taken last weekend among more than 1,000 registered voters. The average mirrors the previous eight polls as shown in the graph.

The table accompanying the graph shows how the election this year compares with the Reagan-Mondale contest four years ago, in which President Reagan swept the board by a 59 per cent to 41 per cent margin. Overall, the

Dukakis campaign has made up only a third of what is required, narrowing the Republican lead to 12. Mr. Dukakis has convinced only three potential voters in 100 to switch, when he needs nine.

If projected to the Electoral College, however, there is little in it between this election and that four years ago, for at these share levels it is likely that Mr. Dukakis will carry only the District of Columbia, his home state of Massachusetts, the neighbouring state of Rhode Island, and possibly Minnesota.

Where Mr. Dukakis has done best seems to be among the elderly, who have not been so well served during the Reagan years. Little ground, however, has been made among younger voters.

Mr. Dukakis has gained support as well among the 22 per cent of American families earning between \$35,000 (£20,000) and \$50,000. He has lost significant support, however, from American blacks, 12 per cent of the electorate. In 1984 Mr. Walter Mondale

received the votes of nine out of 10 blacks; only seven in 10 say they will back Mr. Dukakis.

Mr. Dukakis has regained about half of the Reagan Democrats, 12 per cent of the electorate, which he had to bring home to their traditional political base if he was to stand a chance in the race.

If people in America voted by party label, the Democrats would win the presidency as they tend to do the Congress. More people who chose, by 38 per cent to 32 per cent, say they are Democrats rather than Republicans. But one in five Democrats supports Mr. Bush and he has a clear 17 per cent lead among the third of the American electorate who say they are independent of party.

A few days ago two respected psephologists, Mr. Norman Ornstein and Mr. Andrew Kohut, wrote in *The New York Times* that, despite Mr. Bush's lead, a third of likely voters remain swingable, and potential for a real contest remains.

Robert Worcester is chairman of MORI

### 1984-88: THE CHANGES

	Electorate % 1988	1984 % lead Reagan	1988 % lead Bush	1984-88 % swing to Dem
Total	100	18	12	3.0
Gender				
Male	48	24	18	3.0
Female	52	15	9	3.0
Age				
18-29	21	17	14	1.5
30-44	30	16	17	-0.5
45-64	30	21	13	4.0
65+	19	27	-1	14.0
Salary				
Under \$12,500	9	-7	-11	2.0
\$12,500-\$25,000	27	15	2	6.5
\$25,000-\$35,000	19	19	19	0
\$35,000-\$50,000	22	35	5	15.0
Over \$50,000	17	37	37	0
Race				
White	86	32	21	5.5
Black	12	-81	-55	-13.0
Historical voting				
'84 Reagan voters	57	100	53	23.5
'Reagan Dems	12	100	-4	52.0



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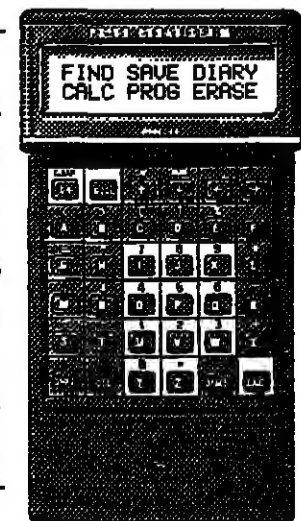
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## Only far-right Conservatives have little to celebrate in South African local elections

## White voters keep Botha in the saddle

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

President Botha remains in control of the volatile middle ground of white South African politics, in spite of a still formidable threat from the far-right Conservative Party, which wants to reimpose rigid apartheid, and a rejuvenated challenge from the small, ultra-liberal Progressive Federal Party on his left.

Black South Africans, however, remain overwhelmingly indifferent, if not outrightly hostile, to the racially segregated political structures seen by Mr Botha as the building blocks of a future constitution based on white-controlled "power-sharing".

Most of the mainstream black organizations were banned from taking part in the elections, and anyway would have boycotted them on principle. The only interest in the outcome centres on the turnout of black voters, which was generally low despite desperate attempts by the Government to increase it.

The main message of Wednesday's first-ever simul-

taneous elections to white, black, Coloured (mixed-race) and Indian local and municipal councils is that it could prod President Botha into risking slightly bolder liberalizing moves. But the outcome is more likely to confirm him in his belief that his present mixture of reform and repression is about right.

The municipal elections have given him a small breathing space. The Conservatives, despite their expected impressive showing in the Transvaal, failed to live up to their own pre-election billing as a party almost pre-ordained to become the next government. With isolated local exceptions, the party fared badly outside the Transvaal, confirming its essentially regional status.

In Natal and the Cape Province, the Conservatives made virtually no impact, while in the Orange Free State, a deeply traditionalist Afrikaner area, they failed to make predicted gains.

That said, the Conser-



Hour of triumph: Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, and Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, re-elected Soweto's mayor, hailed by supporters.

vatives will continue to cast a long shadow over Mr Botha in the Transvaal, where 53 per cent of the white population live and which accounts for 46 per cent of the seats in the white chamber of the tri-cameral Parliament. Their strong showing is bound to act as a continuing brake on any acceleration in the dismantling of apartheid.

It was expected that the Conservatives would take most of the town halls in rural parts of the province. It was far less certain that they would come as close as they did (winning 19 out of 42 wards) to capturing Pretoria, the country's administrative capital, where they won no constituencies in the 1987 parliamentary election.

In Johannesburg, South Africa's biggest city, however, Conservative candidates won only four of the 51 seats, failing to exploit white resentment of illegal black settlement in inner-city areas. Hillbrow, the city's area of skyscraper residential blocks where there is large-scale ra-

cial intermingling, was won by the National Party candidate, and the Government for the first time won a narrow overall majority in Johannesburg, taking 26 of the 51 seats. The Progressives held their own with 18 seats, and candidates sympathetic to the party also appeared to have won control in Cape Town and Durban.

Late yesterday there were still no official final figures on black voter turnout. But government sources were claiming that on average 30 per cent of registered voters in the township wards which were contested went to the polls.

vote indicated "a solid mandate" for Pretoria's policies.

"How can there be a solid mandate when half the seats for blacks in the country were not even contested for lack of interest? How does 10 or 12 per cent in Soweto constitute a mandate?" he asked.

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However, in Johannesburg's Soweto black township the turnout was no more than 11 per cent.

According to preliminary official figures, about 500,000 blacks went to the polls — a total of only 2 per cent of South Africa's blacks.

● KINSHASA: President Mobutu of Zaire said yesterday that, despite his meeting with South African leaders, relations between black Africa and Pretoria would not improve unless apartheid was abolished.

## Zambians award a sixth term to Kaunda

Lusaka (Reuters) — President Kaunda of Zambia was heading for a big win in the country's one-party elections yesterday and was certain to get a sixth five-year mandate.

State radio said that returns from three of the country's 125 constituencies had given the 64-year-old President more than 90 per cent of the ballot in the "Yes" or "No" poll in which he was unopposed.

In the big northern constituency of Chililabombwe, Dr Kaunda took 93 per cent of the vote. In the southern constituencies of Sinazongwe and Moomba, he won 96 and 91 per cent respectively.

Voting returns indicated that the turnout in these constituencies was more than 50 per cent.

Full results of Wednesday's elections, marked by heavy polling in generally fine and dry weather, are not expected until today. Voters also cast ballots to select 125 MPs from more than 600 candidates vetted by the United National Independence Party. Government leaders are hoping for a resounding mandate to boost the President.

He faces a big task in getting the economy back into gear after years of stagnation caused by fluctuating world prices for copper, the main national export, and a mounting foreign debt.

## Pakistan election

## Outright victory eluding Bhutto

From Anand Lieven, Lahore

Outright victory seems likely to elude the Pakistan People's Party of Miss Benazir Bhutto in the elections due on November 16. Miss Bhutto's mother, Begum Nusrat Bhutto, admitted as much in a speech in Peshawar with which she launched the campaign in northern Pakistan.

The Begum predicted a tough fight and hoped that the party would emerge with a simple majority. Its leadership has repeatedly said that it will seek a coalition with former allies in the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy, even if it engages with an absolute majority.

The party has suffered a blow as a result of a kidney infection which is preventing Miss Bhutto from campaigning for at least two weeks. Party officials say that she is expected in Punjab — Pakistan's biggest province with more than 60 per cent of the population — only on November 10.

In the meantime, the weight of the campaign is being borne by her mother. The Begum is an experienced politician but lacks her daughter's charisma. The poll contest here is rather lacklustre. However, the PPP hopes Miss Bhutto will be able to campaign from a train on the journey from Karachi — where she is staying — to Peshawar, resting between stops to make speeches.

Observers here see voters as having been largely indifferent to these elections. This makes it more likely that traditional lines of local influence and power will be important, and here the main opponent of the Pakistan People's Party, the Muslim League, has the advantage of forming the "caretaker" governments of the main provinces.

After intense negotiations

and manoeuvrings, the two wings of the Muslim League, reformed by General Zia, succeeded earlier this month in reuniting. They had split after General Zia dismissed the Government of Mr Mohammed Khan Junejo, the Prime Minister, in May.

The Muslim League failed to form a broad alliance of parties against the PPP, but is joined by two smaller parties in the Islamic Democratic Alliance.

The alliance is giving prominence to General Zia's Islamization policy in its electoral agenda. How much

Islamabad (AFP) — Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff has fired Major-General Tajammul Haq Malik who was convicted with 31 others for conspiring to overthrow the late President Zia, it was reported yesterday.

of an asset this will be, however, doubtful. Of the main religious parties, only one, albeit the best organized — the Jamaat Islami — is part of the alliance. The others are campaigning independently.

The suspension of party politics during the 11 years of General Zia's rule has strengthened the political importance of powerful individuals and families. In the countryside, aristocratic landlords continue to dominate. It is thought that they shift their support to whichever side seems most likely to win.

Defections from one party to another are common, and ideological differences between the PPP and Muslim League have diminished. In these circumstances, the personal appeal of Miss Bhutto is an important asset, and her absence, if prolonged, will be a serious blow.

## Crowded ferry sinks

Dhaka — More than 200 people are missing after an overcrowded ferry with 300 holidaymakers on board capsized in strong currents in the estuary of the Meghna river in southern Bangladesh, river police said yesterday. The boat was heading for the island of Bhola carrying people from a religious carnival when it sank on Wednesday. Divers found seven bodies when the boat was salvaged 24 hours after the accident. About 100 people managed to swim ashore, but at least 200 other passengers remain unaccounted for.

## Crash charges Two jailed

Cairo (Reuters) — An Italian magistrate recommended that nine senior officials be tried on charges of responsibility for the crash of an ATR42 aircraft which killed 37 people in October last year.

Algiers (Reuters) — A court in the eastern town of Annaba sentenced two men to five years in prison and acquitted 18 charged with theft and damaging public property during riots earlier this month.

## Child courier

Rome — Police here arrested a drug dealer who used a nine-year-old boy as a courier, paying him with an ice cream for each delivery.

## Ankara order

Ankara (Reuters) — Four Iranian diplomats held while trying to abduct an opposition activist must either leave Turkey or be expelled, officials said.

## Aquino denial

Manila (AFP) — President Aquino of the Philippines flatly ruled out seeking a second term of office when her term ends in June, 1992.

## Fence to go

Budapest (Reuters) — Hungary is expected to remove an electric warning fence on its border with Austria, a Politburo member said.

## China visit

Beijing (Reuters) — Herr Hans Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, will arrive in China on Sunday for a four-day visit.

## Indian raid

Colombo (Reuters) — Three Tamil guerrillas were killed when Indian troops stormed a house in eastern Sri Lanka.

## 40 injured

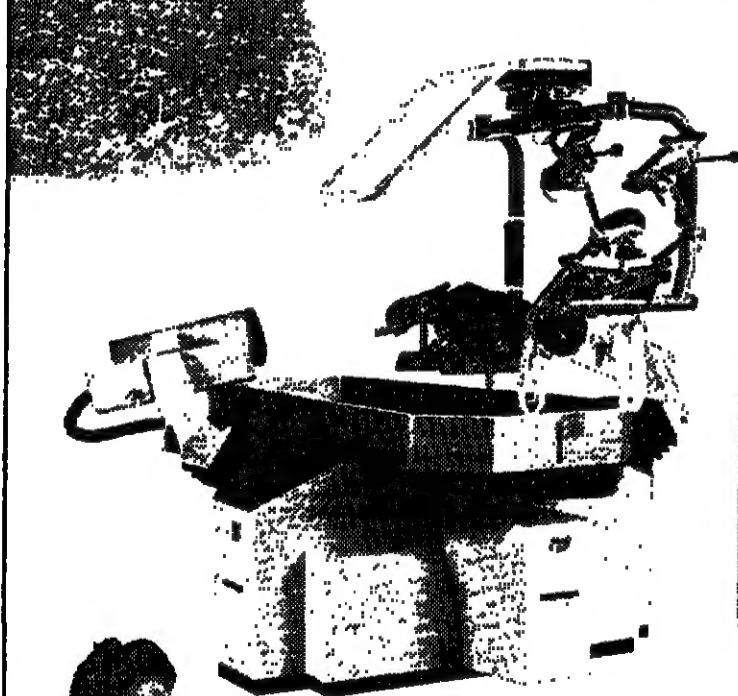
Srinagar, India (AFP) — Two bombs exploded in the business area, injuring 40 people, including 22 policemen.

## Rebels killed

Lisbon (AFP) — The Angolan Army killed 107 Unita rebels in attacks over the past week, the Angolan news agency said.



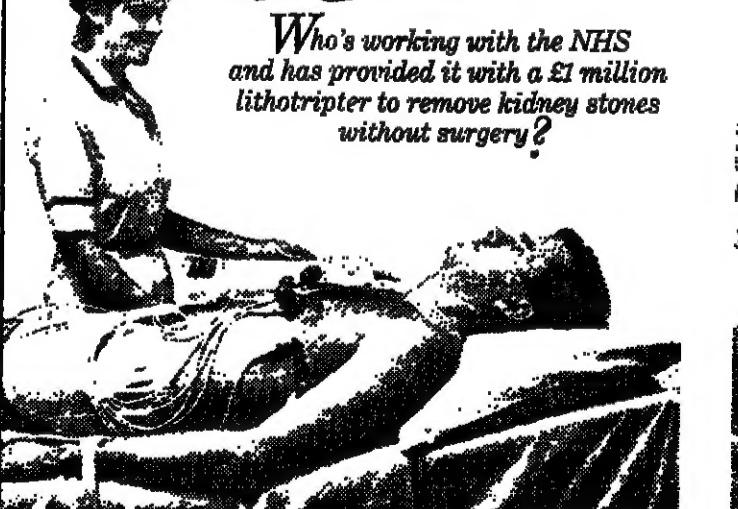
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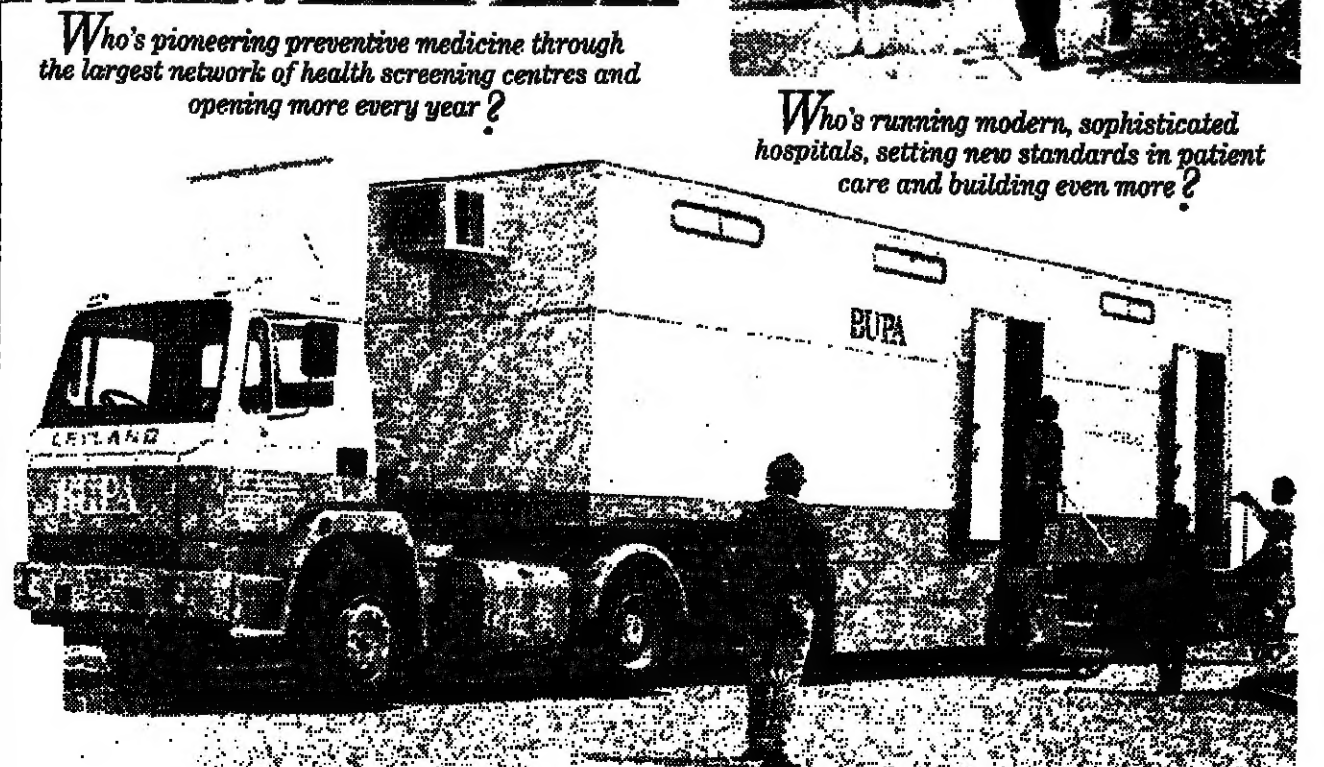
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# Egypt boosts food supplies to head off rioting threat

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

President Mubarak of Egypt has introduced emergency economic measures in an attempt to avert riots similar to those which swept Algeria earlier this month, causing hundreds of deaths and the imposition of a state of siege.

The measures, which include an open-ended freeze on government-controlled prices and state action to relieve shortages in basic food and clothing, come as officials from the International Monetary Fund are trying to persuade Egypt to impose stricter economic discipline.

Egypt, with nearly double Algeria's 27 million population, shares many similar problems, including widespread youth unemployment, falling oil revenues, consumer shortages, a lack of housing and spiralling prices now unofficially estimated to be rising by 30 per cent a year.

The new package was hammered out at an emergency Cabinet session earlier this week which lasted six hours, the longest such gathering here since the crisis days of 1981 when President Sadat was assassinated.

Yesterday Dr Galal Abul-Dahab, the Supply and Home Minister, said that the supply sector had taken action to implement presidential directives to ensure there were no

shortages in a number of basic goods, including sugar (now a black market commodity), cooking oil, tea, wheat, flour, poultry and vegetables.

The minister disclosed that he had received orders as a result of the Cabinet session, and that the Government had pledged to supply foreign currency to import short-supply items if they were not available from domestic sources.

Government-run shops have increased supplies of clothing as a result of the measures. But glaring inequalities in wealth similar to those which fuelled the Algerian violence still exist and provoke increasing resentment from the very poor who live below the breadline.

"A country in which some

people are paying £E300,000 (£75,000) duty on an imported Mercedes, and others are living in graveyards because they have no homes, is bound to present a risk," one Egyptian businessman said. "If we do have an uprising here, it will be because the contrasts between rich and poor have got out of hand."

Among the parallels with Algeria most worrying for President Mubarak are the \$400 million (£238 million) drop in Egyptian oil revenues as a result of the slump in world prices, and the two million unemployed graduates waiting up to five years for government-guaranteed jobs under a scheme which dates back to efforts by Nasser to dampen student unrest.

As in Algeria, the Government is facing mounting Islamic fundamentalism which is centred in the slums of the main cities and in the universities. A week after the rioting erupted in Algiers, about 200 Muslim extremists marched through Cairo with banners attacking price rises and demanding the release of jailed colleagues.

The marchers, later dispersed by the security forces, were defying a government ban on demonstrations. They shouted anti-government slogans, including the chant not

previously heard in the streets of the capital: "There is not God but Allah. Mubarak is the enemy of Allah."

When the universities reopened, just as the Algerian Government was getting its crisis under control, about 200 students at Alexandria University marched with banners announcing support for the events in Algeria.

It was disclosed yesterday that opposition politicians have been barred from entering Egypt's universities in the run-up to next month's student elections.

In the latest edition of the Cairo weekly *Liwa' al-Islam*, Dr Helmi Murad, leader of the Liberal Party, is one of a number of opposition figures contributing to a feature claiming that political and economic conditions are now much more explosive than at the time of the murder of Sadat in 1981.

President Mubarak has strongly resisted pressure from the IMF to speed up an austerity programme.

The President is haunted by the memory of the bread riots of 1977, when rampaging mobs took to the streets after the doubling of the price of a loaf. At least 87 people died before the revolt was quelled and the proposed increase dropped.

# End of a £31,445 London taxi ride



Against the backdrop of the Sydney Opera House, London taxi-driver Mr Guy Smith giving a thumbs-up after completing the longest and most expensive taxi ride in history.

With the meter of Mr Smith's taxi Betsy still ticking over, the fare from Buckingham Palace to the Opera House came to £31,445 (Christopher Morris writes). There was no passenger to pay it, but the journey has raised almost £250,000 for children's charities in London, Singapore and Australia.

The 14,000-mile and 70-day trip almost ended in disaster in Pakistan, near the border with Afghanistan, when the taxi was attacked by riflemen. "That was really frightening," said Mr Smith of

Charing Cross Road, London. "We were driving into the Baluchistan hills when suddenly a truckload of rebels came towards us firing their guns. They looked pretty fierce, but they were stopped in their tracks when they spotted our London taxi. They were completely baffled since they'd never seen anything like it before. They came across to have a look and we were able to communicate. They soon became quite friendly and allowed us to drive on, this time firing their guns in the air as we left."

Later that night, as they camped near the border, the taxi team - which included Dr John Morgan, a merchant banker from Harrogate, Mr Edward "Ned" Kelly from Dublin, and Ms

Kanelli Tsiros, a Sydney taxi driver - was caught in the crossfire as rebels clashed with Afghan troops in the mountains.

The taxi broke down only twice, when shock absorbers gave way and two fuel pipes ruptured. "Incredibly, we didn't have a puncture all the way," added Mr Smith. "And we drove across some pretty rugged country on dirt roads, up mountain ranges and over deserts. It was a fantastic trip and the taxi showed just how reliable a London cab can be."

The taxi's meter was started on August 19 at Buckingham Palace and was kept running across Europe, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, India, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and from Perth to Sydney.

# Gunmen to hang for Khartoum killing of Britons

From Andrew Buckoke, Nairobi

Five Palestinians have been sentenced to hang by a Sudanese court for the bomb and machine-gun attacks on the Acropole Hotel and the former British Club in central Khartoum on May 15. Five Britons, including a family of four, were among the seven people killed.

Mr Christopher Rolfe, aged 35, from Brighton, who worked with his wife Clare, aged 37, for the Woking-based charity, the Ockenden Venture, their son Thomas, aged three, and daughter Louise, aged one, were killed along with a British teacher, Miss Sally Rickett, aged 52, a Sudanese army officer, and waiter when a bomb ripped through the Acropole dining room.

Two of the five Palestinians, who were all arrested shortly after the attacks, told investigators they had been sent to Khartoum by the Abu Nidal group to exact revenge for the killing of Khalil el-Wazir, or Abu Jihad, an aide of the PLO chairman, Mr Yassir Arafat, by Israeli agents in Tunisia on April 15.

American counter-insurgency experts believe the five, identified as Imad Ahmed, Sherif Ezzat, Hassan Qasim, Mustafa Aref and Ibrahim Saleh, are connected with Abu Nidal.

The Acropole and Sudan Club are heavily frequented by British, American and other aid workers, and Khartoum has gained a reputation for lax security and easy access for Middle Eastern gunmen. The United States and Britain have in the past warned their nationals against travelling to Khartoum.

In August last year a prominent Iraqi dissident was shot dead by suspected Iraqi secret service men in the lobby of the Hilton Hotel. In July, 1986, a US Embassy worker was shot by a suspected Libyan gunman.

These attacks have been highly embarrassing to the Sudanese Government, which

tries to maintain good relations with the West and the various Arab factions. The pressures have generated considerable controversy around the trial.

The verdict has been postponed four times, most recently on Tuesday when defence lawyers objected to the words used by the Prime Minister, Mr Sadiq el-Mahdi, when he announced at the weekend an urgent inquiry into the reported presence in Khartoum of Palestinians closely connected with the defendants. The Prime Minister referred to them as "the terrorist elements that carried out last May's attack".

Strong rumours were circulating in Khartoum after the third adjournment on October 17 that the Government had accepted money from Abu Nidal, ostensibly for flood relief, to be lenient towards the defendants.

Mr Charles Redman, a State Department spokesman in Washington, said the US "would be extremely concerned if any donation were accepted in return for the release or lenient sentencing of suspected terrorists".

Mr Sadiq el-Mahdi admitted last week that Sudan has accepted famine relief from many Palestinian groups, but said he did not know about any contribution from Abu Nidal, which he said had no representation in Sudan.

On Wednesday this week he made another statement, rejecting the idea that the five defendants had any connection with any Palestinian organizations.

Many observers believe that the Prime Minister, whose canny handling of Sudanese politics has so far kept his shaky coalition of northern Muslim parties in power, is being equally diplomatic about the bombing case.

The sentences should satisfy the West while the denial of any Palestinian involvement should satisfy the Arabs.

# West's aid sought to end Sudan war

By Andrew Lycett

Western governments were urged in London yesterday to use their influence to persuade Khartoum to go to the negotiating table with the southern Sudanese rebels.

The call came from Mr Bona Malwal, the editor-in-chief of the Khartoum daily, *Sudan Times* and a former Sudanese Minister of Culture and Information, when he launched a new book, *War Wounds: Sudanese People Report On Their War*.

In the book Sudanese, including Mr Malwal, record how five years of civil war in southern Sudan has played havoc with people's lives and brought all development there to a stop.

But the Sudanese Government of Mr Sadiq el-Mahdi, the Prime Minister, and the rebel Sudanese People's Liberation Army (SPLA), led by Colonel John Garang, are castigated equally in the book.

The root cause of the war is the unequal development of the south. But this has been overtaken and obscured by a religious feud between the

Muslim northerners and the Christian or animist southerners.

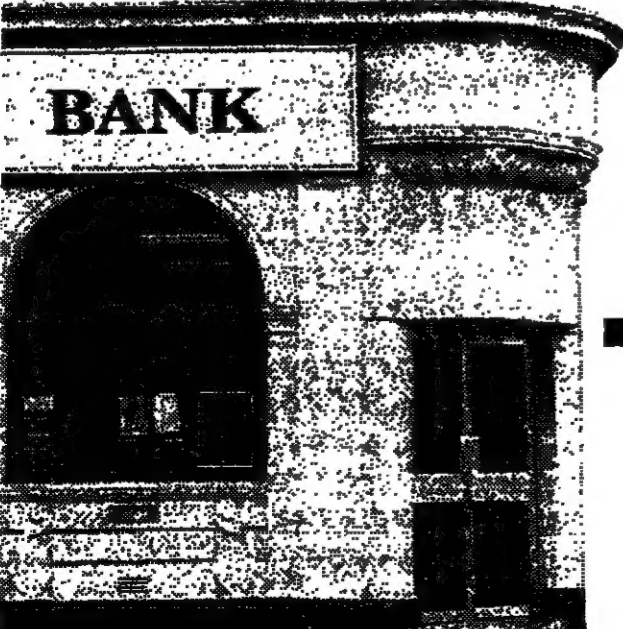
Both the SPLA and the Government are exhausted and would like an end to hostilities, but so complicated are tribal and party political rivalries in Sudan that there is little room for manoeuvre.

Therefore, Mr Malwal said, the time was ripe for the West to put pressure on Khartoum to seek peace. An Islamic-leaning Sudan was unlikely to seek solace with the Soviet Union, he added.

The SPLA still refuses to speak to Mr el-Mahdi. The Sudanese Government made much of a planned meeting between him and Colonel Garang, which it said was going to take place in Kampala last week. But nothing happened.

However, another secret meeting took place between the colonel and Dr Hassan al-Turabi, the National Islamic Front leader. If they can resolve their differences, there may be some hope for ending Sudan's civil war.

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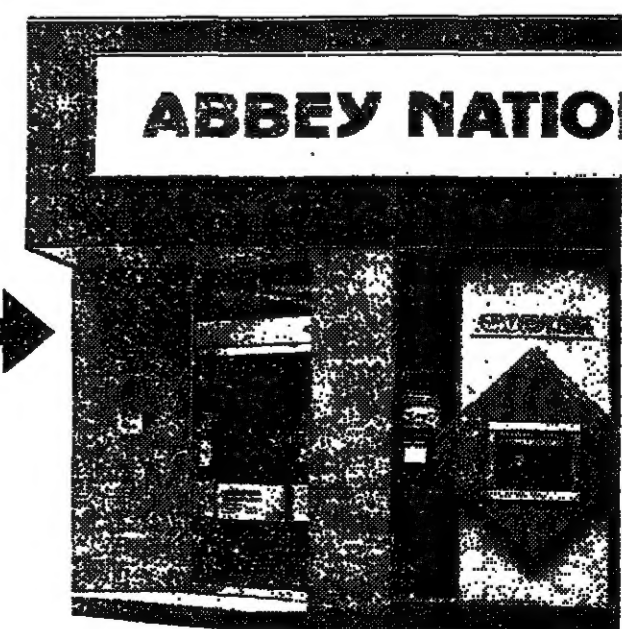
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# Moore 'cheating every age group'

Every age group, from children to pensioners, was being cheated of the benefit uprating they should receive, Mr Robin Cook, chief Opposition spokesman, said after Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Security, had made his statement on uprating to MPs.

Mr Cook said that in freezing child benefit Mr Moore was pocketing £136 million at the expense of child support and called the take-up rate on family credit a disaster.

In turn, Mr Moore attacked Mr Cook's criticism of pensioners, saying that the Government had spent years repairing the dereliction of duty shown by Labour, which had stolen pensioners' savings and limited the growth of their incomes.

Some Conservative backbenchers criticized the decision to freeze child benefit. Mr Cook said that Mr Moore had begun by saying that the figures he had announced would result in an increase in expenditure of more than £2 billion.

The planning figures in January's White Paper showed a social security budget increasing by £2.5 billion. Was he telling the House that in a year in which inflation had doubled, he was going to spend less on social security than the planning figures in January?

Could he explain why he had secured less than his planning figures in a public expenditure round in which his colleagues had secured more than £3,000 million for other expenditure?

For the sixth year in succession, pensions were not to be uprated by a fraction of a rate more than the rise in prices. "I am sure that pensioners will be very grateful that he has secured them an additional 5p. If his Government had not snatched the link with earnings, the married couple's pension would after today be worth £18 a week more than he has announced."

One in five of those on income support would not receive even the announced increase of 4.7 per cent. Half a million of the long-term unemployed, the disabled and the pensioners, who had found their benefit cut last April and had got no increase last year, would get no increase from this announcement.

Was that the way in which the Government protected the income of some of the poorest people in the country? "May I invite Mr Moore to convey our thanks to the Chief Secretary for having obliged him to settle for a higher compensation for the poll tax demand than he himself bid for" (laughter)?

In a noisy session of Prime Minister's questions, the Leader of the Opposition called a twerp by one Conservative backbencher. MPs were discussing the leaking of a letter between Cabinet ministers, which had been made public the day before and the Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) had to appeal several times for order during the heated exchanges.

Mr Kinnock said that he considered leaks to be grave, but more grave was the theft of child benefit from the family. The subject was raised by Mr Ronald Campbell (Blyth Valley, Lab), who asked: In view of press speculation this morning about a leak from her own department, is she still committed to the poor and pensioners on rebates of the poll tax?

Mr Thatcher: He refers to a leaked document. I remember a particular occasion when a Labour Prime Minister was faced by the publication of a leaked document preceding a statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services about child benefit.

I remember full well what the Labour Prime Minister said. He said: "This is a very grave matter," said the Labour Prime Minister in June 1976 (Mr James Callaghan), "for on the face of it, it can only have been brought about by theft, or by a betrayal of trust involving a breach of an undertaking voluntarily entered into by someone with access to the documents."

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## BENEFITS

Would he confirm that the figures he had announced meant that the Government was expecting the average poll tax demand to be £299, one fifth higher than any of his colleagues had so far admitted?

"Will he concede that the amount he has saved by freezing child benefit is £206 million and that he is therefore pocketing £136 million at the expense of child support in Britain?"

The take-up rate on family credit was a disaster. Could he recall promising the House that the take-up rate would be 60 per cent? It was running at 30 per cent.

Mr Moore kept telling them he was in favour of targeting. Why then place so much reliance on a benefit that was so badly targeted that it missed two out of three of its targets?

Child benefit was the best targeted benefit for paying cash into the hands of the mothers in which the child was being brought up. Would he admit that its value was now £1 less than in 1985. To a mother of two children that was more than £100 a year, the price of two pairs of shoes and two winter anoraks.

Would he explain just what the Conservative Party meant in their manifesto pledge that child benefit would continue to be paid as now? Why had he not shared his view before polling day last year that it was a badly targeted benefit?

The truth was that every age group, from children to pensioners, was being cheated of the benefit uprating they should receive. Mr Moore said that they were looking forward to the Chancellor's autumn statement. "At that time, Mr Cook will see the reality of the increase . . . in my

overall programme. "He will understand the relationship between the very large reduction in unemployment and the consequential major reductions in unemployment benefit. Then he will be able to put the figures together."

He found it extraordinary that a Labour spokesman should have the temerity even to debate pensions when the Government had spent the past nine-and-a-half years muzzling Labour's dereliction of duty.

Under Labour, the pensioner not only had his savings stolen but also saw only a 3 per cent average increase in his income. "Three per cent over five years' compared with 23 per cent."

"I really do say and I say this with great care to an MP I have known for some considerable time that he has the greatest contempt for those who steal."

Mr Moore: I am statutorily bound to look at and review in the context of each year's public expenditure round the nature of child benefit. That is what I have done. In 1976 when the child benefit Act was first introduced it was a Labour social services secretary (Mrs Barbara Castle) who at the time refused to have a statutory review until her backbenchers forced it on her.

My party keeps its pledges at the last election. It said it would maintain child benefit and it is. I still have a statutory responsibility next year to reconsider in the light of the economy.

Mr Ian Gilmore (Chesham and Amersham, C) How does he justify, as opposed to child benefit with nearly 100 per cent take-up, making nearly 40 per cent of the poorest families in the country even worse off for the second time running?

Mr Moore: I do not think he is as aware as he might be of the nature of the working of family credit. In regard to take-up, our job is to try to increase it. The Government will introduce a new take-up campaign. MPs should encourage that rather than to indiscriminately waste public money.

Mr Stanley Orme (Salford East, Lab) This is a retrograde step and the Secretary of State

## Moves 'win no applause'

The Government's proposals came in for criticism when the statement was repeated in the Lords by Lord Stalker, Under Secretary of State for Social Security.

Lady Jeger, Opposition spokeswoman on social security, said that there would be "no applause" for the statement. By next April many of the increases would have been swallowed up by rising inflation.

As a pensioner, she welcomed a little more help, but pensioners had lost about £18 billion in the past nine years because Labour's policy of keeping pension rises linked to earnings had been dispensed with.

It would seem that child benefit was "in the deep freeze". Yet it was being paid to rich mothers. She wondered if the Government's aim was to abolish this benefit by downgrading it and then claiming that it was "not worth having". That was dishonest.

Lord Stalker said that the Government was making available an extra £70 million for the neediest families. Uprating child benefit would have meant spending resources on more families, more than 40 per cent of whom were more than the national average. The Government's approach generated more money to the poorest 22 per cent of these. Spending on the elderly in the UK was the third highest in the EEC as a share of gross domestic product.

ance on a benefit that was so badly targeted that it missed two out of three of its targets? "I am surprised and dismayed at the actions of Mr Cook who I have some regard for, at the way in which he has damaged his reputation by being a party to receiving, destroying and publishing highly classified documents (Labour laughter)."

"He has been misled and has misled others by extracts from a confidential document taken out of context. "I hope that he will help to identify the person who gave him this letter, unless he wishes me and all of us to assume that he gives his protection to people who handle stolen documents."

Mr Cook was utterly wrong in his conclusions. The Conservatives lived up to their pledges. They had promised that income-support rates would include the average amount that recipients would have to pay towards the community charge.

That was not the same as the expected average community charge. "The figures I have brought about by theft, or by a betrayal of trust involving a breach of an undertaking voluntarily entered into by someone with access to the documents."

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Does not the thoroughly dishonourable behaviour of one civil servant in this recent leak severely damage the reputation of the Government?

Mr Weatherill: Frequent appeals for order

## PRIME MINISTER

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should be raising child benefit in line with inflation and that should be done this year. Mr Moore said that in July 1975, with his support, there was a difference between routine national insurance benefits and this new benefit. Indexation of the child benefit was inappropriate. National insurance benefits are major means of support when earnings capacity is interrupted, but child benefit is a tax-free supplement to families whose major source of income is earnings.

The only difference in the House today is that we are in Government. Mr Timothy Raison (Aylesbury, C) said that an extensive examination in 1985 of social security policy came to the conclusion that child benefit should be retained. To retain it, but not increase it was tantamount to a big change in policy.

Any decision to drop or lower the benefit would cause great disappointment among Conservative supporters and would be in breach of the long tradition that those with children needed help from the state. Mr Moore said that he did not think there had been any change in policy. The Government was trying to help those with children even more than it would by simply raising child benefit.

Mr Elliot Morley (Gloucester and Stroud, Lab) said that talk of targeting benefit was completely bogus when the Government had given £3 billion to those with the largest incomes. Changes to the capital gains tax alone would have covered the uprating.

"What targeting has taken place is to target money out of the pockets of the poor into the pockets of the rich." Mr Moore said that as a direct consequence of the success of the economy had been able to successfully increase pensioners' incomes this year.

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## Thatcher dislikes lottery idea

The Prime Minister has no intention of introducing a national lottery endorsed by the Government, she assured MPs during question time. "I disagree with them."

Mr Greville Janner (Leicester West, Lab) had asked whether she would endorse a lottery to help to fund the NHS.

## 'It's quality that matters'

Lord Young of Grafton, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said at question time in the Lords that there have been notable cases in this country which great expenditure on search and development has been wasted.

It is important that we fund only projects worth funding. It was quality of research that mattered not quantity.

## Parliament next week

The main business of the House of Commons next week is expected to be Monday: Estate Support Grants Bill, second reading. Tuesday: Health and Medicines Bill, Lords' amendments. Wednesday: Guildline search and development has been wasted.

## Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Debate on the disposal of radioactive waste.

## Royal Assent

Royal Assent was announced to the South Yorkshire Light Rail Traction and Harwich Port and Quay Acts and to the Church of England (Pensionary Measure).

## Costs have to be controlled

It is in the interests of companies and of the economy as a whole that companies should keep full control of costs, including wages costs, Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said during question time.

They had to make those decisions in the light of business conditions and what was happening to their overseas competitors, he added.

Mr John Tomsett (Bridlington, C) had said that the balance of payments must be significantly reduced and it was vital for the next year to have wage restraint to enable industry to be more competitive. He asked that the Prices and Taxes Index, which had gone up in the past 12 months by only 3.9 per cent, be used for wage negotiations instead of the Retail Price Index, which had risen by 5.9 per cent.

The Government should set a good example in its public sector wages settlements by keeping increases down.

Mr Lawson said that the Government was conscious of its responsibility for public sector pay, at least in that part of the sector where it was directly the employer.

The Prices and Taxes Index gave a more accurate picture of the cost of living.

## Empathy projects 'can be dangerous'

The overuse of empathy projects in history teaching could squeeze out knowledge and understanding rather than enforce it, Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State for Education, said. It must not be used as a substitute for learning.

She was replying to an amendment debate late on Wednesday to complaints from Mr Nicholas Bennett (Pembroke, C) that empathy techniques in the GCSE history examinations were being corrupted into fiction writing.

He asked for imagination-style questions to be abolished. Mr Bennett, a former teacher of history, gave examples of questions which told examination candidates to imagine that they were living in Castro's Cuba at the time of the Cuban missile crisis and asked them to explain their feelings and say how they felt about the Bay of Pigs. That was an open invitation to fiction writing.

Questions like that were politically dangerous and gave a teacher with a political point of view to put across an opportunity for biased work.

Another question had asked for speeches made by a representative of the Palestinian Liberation Organization defending the hijacking of an aircraft; the

## Nearly all Scots registered for poll tax

More than 99 per cent of people in Scotland have registered for the community charge, Mr James Douglas-Hamilton, Under Secretary of State for Scotland, said in a debate late on Wednesday.

That was a splendid result, which gave the lie to criticisms of the system. It was entirely workable and practicable. The people of Scotland were clearly more law-abiding than the Opposition gave them credit for.

The high level of registration also gave the lie to calculations of very high community charge levels, which had been based on a shortfall in registration of up to 15 per cent.

Parts of the following report of a Commons debate on the Housing (Scotland) Bill appeared in later editions yesterday.

A move by Labour MPs to ensure that tenants in Scotland were not charged rates by unscrupulous landlords when the community charge is introduced next April was rejected in the Commons.

Mr John Home Robertson, an Opposition spokesman on Scotland, moved an amendment to the bill, when Lords amendments were considered, to ensure that landlords could not swindle tenants by including an

element for rates in their rent. But Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Under Secretary of State for Scotland, said that the amendment was unnecessary.

Mr Frank Dossa (Aberdeen South, Lab) said that unless there was some way of notifying tenants that they were entitled to a reduction in their rents after the introduction of the poll tax, the housing costs of a great number would increase.

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton said that before the end of the year the Government would issue a booklet for landlords and tenants setting out

complete the process. There were still regulations to come on exemption for care-workers, cross-border registration of students, and direct deduction of payments from social security benefits.

The most important set of regulations still to come was on the rebate scheme. The letter that had come to light today from Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Security, to the Treasury, made clear that the promise to uprate benefits for the worst off by the 20 per cent they would have to pay was going to be broken.

Mr Home Robertson said that many tenants paid rent and rates together to their private landlord and it was not impossible that some landlords would try to carry on charging that equivalent charge after the poll tax came in. The Government should seek ways to protect tenants in these circumstances.

The amendment was rejected by 226 votes to 162 - Government majority, 64.

Mr Moore was pleading with Mr Major to ensure that the rebate covered the average rate of the poll tax. Mr Moore wanted £1.05 and £1.30 for single people under and over 25, respectively, and £2.10 for couples.

That argued an average poll tax in Scotland of £273. No one believed that it would be the average. In authorities with a higher number of social security claimants the poll tax would be considerably higher. That was not because they were Labour-controlled authorities but because they were poorer authorities, as the letter made clear.

Earlier, MPs accepted a Government proposal to limit the right of succession to an assured tenancy to the widow or widower of the initial tenant.

The Lords had proposed that a spouse should have the right to succeed. Supporting the Lords, Mr Home Robertson said that if a tenant died and his widow remarried, the second spouse would have no right.

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton said that many organizations in Scotland were concerned with succession rights to assured tenancies.

That was a very serious letter and a very serious breach of the promise made by the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Scotland and his junior minister.

Mr Nigel Griffiths (Edinburgh South, Lab) said that the regulation providing exemption from the poll tax for the severely mentally handicapped was one of the most pernicious pieces of legislation ever produced. The exemption was designed to be so humiliating that it was never claimed.

The regulations were carried by 183 votes to 123 - Government majority, 60.

The Government now view that they should be a matter for negotiation between tenant and landlord. The Bill allowed a limited right of succession to the spouse living with the tenant on whose death the tenancy was an original home.

Mr Nigel Griffiths (Edinburgh South, Lab) said that he had never heard of a public justification for a measure that would attack people faced with bereavement.

The Lords amendments were rejected without a vote and the Government amendment accepted.



SPECTRUM

# The best of British for '88



From the guided ink-blot and a breakthrough in the production of antibodies to the super-fast computer

chip, George Hill looks at the short-listed entries in our competition for the products of inventive genius

The remote-controlled ink-blot was a trick we never managed to master, back in Lower Five B. Once launched from the fountain pen, the flying blot would pursue its wayward course regardless of evasive action by the moving target, or the sudden appearance of Old Chalkie at the classroom door.

It was Cambridge that eventually cracked the problem, and it is Cambridge which has now refined the solution in one of the five short-listed entries for this year's Innovator of the Year Award, jointly-sponsored by The Times and Barclays Bank. The award will be presented at the Technart Exhibition at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham next month.

The secret we never hit on at school is magnetized ink. In an electro-magnetic field, electrically-charged ink can be guided to its target. Elmet Ltd, of Cambridge, has built on the idea and devised a battery of multiple nozzles which will make possible full-colour bombardments by hundreds of droplets at a time.

Classroom applications have not yet been developed, but the process allows accurate printing on such unimproving surfaces as corrugated paper and yoghurt pots. Because there is no printing matrix or cylinder, the printed message can be changed from moment to moment, under computer control, without stopping the presses.

"At present I wouldn't see any application in the printing of newspapers or books," says Mark

Ellis, secretary of Elmet, which employs about 35 skilled researchers and engineers. "Up to now the main use has been in the printing of bar-codes on merchandise. But if a newspaper wanted to put out variable information to different localities, or a new edition every half-hour, then we might one day see them using non-contact printing."

Elmet is atypical among the high-technology firms competing for the award, now in its fifth year, because it is the manufacturer of a tangible product. In these areas, it is ideas that are the essential commodity, and ideas, often to be applied by others under licence, are the main stock-in-trade of several competitors.

Optimised Control Ltd, for instance, designs computerized monitors for machines, but the main manufacturing work will be done under licence outside its 250 sq ft office in Bristol. Working closely with Bristol University, it has developed a device the size of a large shoe-box which can be fitted to a wide variety of automated equipment, with instructions in a clear and familiar idiom for control by computer.

"Traditionally, people have had to assemble systems such as this from disparate parts," says director Ivor Gilbey. "We supply an integrated unit in which a micro-computer operates on information fed back from an encoder 1,000 times a second to control a motor."

"It is a package ready for use and it should make it very easy for engineers to solve industrial automation problems, without having to bother about the



Looking to the future: Mark Ellis, of Elmet, demonstrates a bar-code which was printed using a magnetized-ink developed by his company

complexities of servo control. If they change their motor system, a new micro can be installed which will work with the same software."

M V Scientific Services Ltd, of Durham, is more closely in tune with the conventional image of a high-technology industry. It has reserved 5,000 sq ft of space for an ion accelerator working at up to half a million volts, for the manufacture of "chips" - miniature integrated circuits as used in computers.

"Today's chips are made of silicon, but the drawbacks of silicon begin to show up as

computers grow more complex," says director Chris Richmond. "The material gallium arsenide is a semiconductor, which means that it can carry messages several times faster than silicon. Since it does not give off as much heat when working, it gets over the serious cooling problems in today's computers."

"The problem has been to find a commercial way of implanting positively-charged particles, or ions, into the surface of the semiconductor to make printed circuits. We shoot them at it in a vacuum at such high voltages that

they are embedded into it. There are many applications in defence and other fields, and if satellite broadcasting takes off, that will make the market much larger."

Two entrants are in the medical field, both closely related to hospital research departments which would enjoy a share of the rewards from commercial success. At St George's Hospital Medical School, Professor John Hermon-Taylor and Dr Brian Austen have developed a method of producing antibodies against synthetic fragments of proteins, which could improve diagnosis of pancreaticitis

and other diseases. They have formed the company BioScience International to control their manufacture under licence all over the world.

Hermon-Taylor explains: "If the digestive juices get out of the gut, they can attack the body's own tissues. But their molecules are not easy to detect."

Now the new approach means that "instead of looking for the molecules themselves, we looked for the 'pin of the grenade', which the body supplies to stop each molecule from going on the attack until it is needed. If we find that

there are pins on the loose, that means there must be active molecules, too.

"We had four years of the usual underfunded research, with tin cans and bits of string, and the project nearly collapsed twice. We had to find an antibody which could recognize the 'pins', and then we had to find how to manufacture it in quantity, which wasn't easy. But now we could purify enough antibody for the whole of Europe in a single morning."

At the Middlesex and University College School of Medicine, Professor Roger Ekins has also been working with antibodies for the identification and measurement of biological substances.

"Two Nobel Prizes have been awarded in this field in the past ten years or so, showing its great importance," Ekins says.

Methods of immuno-assay of this kind are the basis for the screening tests to prevent cretinism, which are given at birth to all children born in most western countries, and of the tests to detect Aids and other viruses in blood donated for transfusions. There are many non-medical uses, too, in detecting contaminants in foods and hormones given illegally.

"In many situations, one must identify one molecule of the substance of interest out of a million million other molecules - which is harder than picking out one individual from the entire world population," Ekins says.

"Such technology will totally transform medical diagnosis. British researchers have long been in the forefront in this field, but the United States has exploited it much more vigorously. The British have a reputation for making inventions but then failing to exploit them."

"The immunodiagnosis market is reputedly worth billions of dollars a year and is currently the most commercially important area of biotechnology. I'm determined that on this occasion a major slice of the financial rewards which our research generates will remain in Britain. Whether we win this prize or not, I predict that our current research will ultimately prove to be the one with the greatest potential for bringing money into this country."

## A look at the Hockney root

Our art critic Craig de Brough writes: Arguably, no one is more like Hockney than Hockney himself. This becomes increasingly clear upon entering the magnificent Tate Gallery Retrospective, in which each painting, each canvas, each collage, each photo-montage, is undeniably the work of Hockney. Staring expertly at a splendid Californian landscape in which the colour of the palm trees (green) and the water (blue) seem to me perfectly judged, I turned to an attendant. "Who is this one by?" I asked, quizzically. "Hockney," he replied. Just as I thought.

One small room - easily overlooked - at the Tate Gallery Retrospective, is the Bradford Collection, sponsored by the mayor and city of Bradford. Scrutiny of this important room - confirms that, while Hockney may have spent much of his life among the jet-set of California, his roots always remained in his home town. The Bradford Collection contains preliminary sketches for many of Hockney's most influential canvases. A preliminary drawing for "A Bigger Splash", for instance, shows Councilor Pickles setting up a toll booth in the Bradford Municipal Baths. Only later did Hockney transform this vision to the more free-and-easy setting of California. Similarly, "We Two Boys Together Clinging", often wrongly interpreted by critics as a homo-erotic tribute

to Walt Whitman, was originally entitled "We Two Councilors Forever Clinging", portraying Councilors Pickles and Bealey arguing about the provision of shower facilities in rented accommodation.

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The questions posed to celebrities used to be relatively simple. An author would present a publisher with a batch of celebrity-based ideas. "My Favourite Dinner Party", "My First Love", "My Favourite Anecdote Showing Myself in a Marvellously Agreeable Light" - and he would then return a few days later with three Christmas Books, all with amusing little snippets from Jane Asher, Maureen Lipman, Spike Milligan and Jeffrey Archer. In recent years, the supply of ideas for these celebrity books has run rather dry. "My Favourite Plimsoll", "My First Goldfish", "My Second Favourite Anecdote Showing How Much I Care For Children", all betray signs of being overdone. But now Hayley Mills has produced a book called My God, in which the same celebrities are faced with the question: "What do you believe happens to you when you die?" Lord Forte states in My God that he is confident of being sent to Heaven and that it is, in his opinion, "a beautiful place". If I were God, I would



CRAIG BROWN

An official report into Crookham Court private boarding school for boys has declared that it is "dangerous, dirty, draughty, dilapidated and dispiriting". This will greatly reassure all parents of present pupils, and is already provoking a flood of new recruits.

Parents have long believed that there is no point in forking out good money for their children to be taught in clean, new buildings by pre-arranged, broad-minded teachers. The great Public School tradition demands that teachers be moustachioed (but only on one side), gangrenous and bemuddled, boasting military titles of their own invention and performing their duties in ice-cold Nissen huts, choc-a-bloc with bats, rats and asbestos.

Many of our - ahem - newer public schools are launching appeals to bring them in line with the standards maintained by Crookham Court. "With an extra £25,000, we could fill our ornamental fountain with detritus, remove an arm from head master, incorporate a live electric wire into each of our open-air dormitories and still have money left to have the school hall professionally dispirited," writes one headmaster. Once all these chores are completed, this particular school is confident of its election to the Headmasters' Conference.

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(b) extra strength?  
(c) it's not Scotch?
2. Does the word whisky derive from  
(a) the Gaelic for water of life?  
(b) the drink's origin in the village of Wiskay?  
(c) the machine used to brush the grain?
3. Is a single malt  
(a) whisky made from malted barley of one distillery?

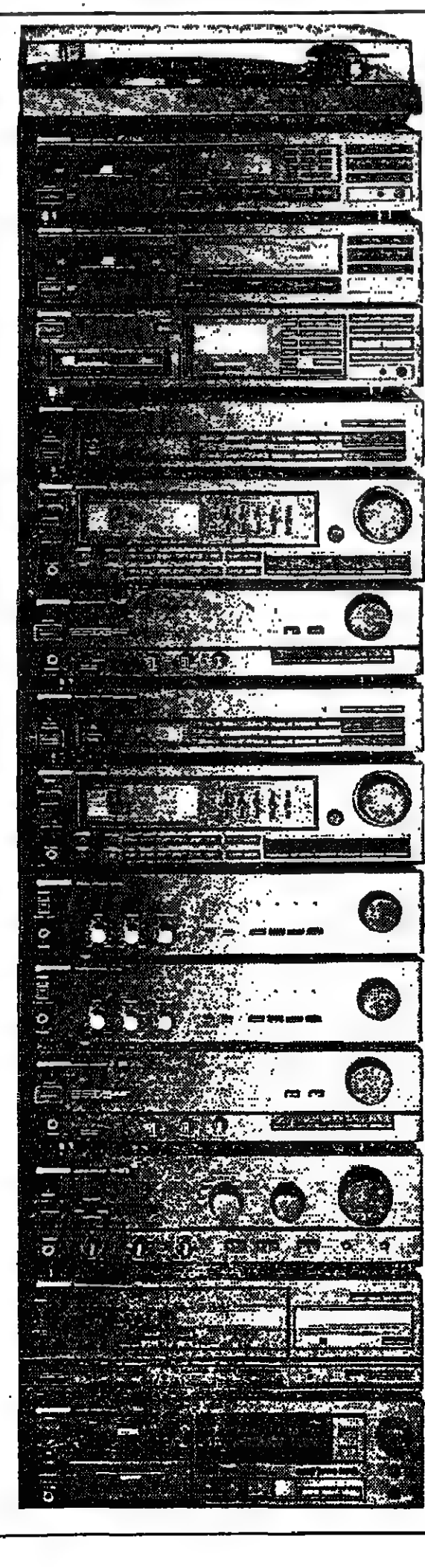
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## MORE FROM MOSCOW

Mr Gorbachov has taken hold of the strings to the hearts of the West — and he is not letting go. On Wednesday the objects of his propaganda campaign were the campaigners for human rights. Yesterday it was the turn of a smaller but no less important group — the US and European supporters of the Strategic Defence Initiative.

By freeing "all" political prisoners, he hopes to remove European obstacles to the human rights conference which he wants to bring to Moscow as a symbol of Soviet respectability. By offering to destroy component parts of the Soviet Union's anti-ballistic missile system, he hopes to remove a key supporting argument to the case for SDI.

Only by winning respectability can he attract the financial assistance from the West which he needs to rebuild the communist economy. Only by stopping the development of SDI, can he avoid the battle to match the US programme — a battle whose massive expense will stop perestroika in its tracks.

The Soviet ABM system includes a long-range phased-array radar at Krasnoyarsk in Siberia, and a number of mobile medium and short-range radars, the Flat Twin and Pawn Shop components mentioned by the Soviet spokesman, Mr Gerasimov, yesterday. Together they can identify Western ballistic missiles on take-off, track them in mid-flight and intercept them.

The existence of this chain of equipment, however imperfect it might be, has been an important part of the argument for a US strategic shield. By apparently being prepared to destroy "Flat Spin" and "Pawn Shop" and to discuss modifications of Krasnoyarsk — without specific linkage to any US action — Mr Gorbachov can hope to soften US enthusiasm for SDI. Neither of the potential US presidents is, even without the Soviet move, as keen on the programme as Mr Reagan. The offer on

Krasnoyarsk is not entirely new. Last month Mr Gorbachov himself proposed transforming it into an international civilian space centre — and transferring it from the military to the seemingly more benign control of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. This was greeted with justified scepticism in Washington, which insisted that the base should be dismantled.

Now however, Mr Gerasimov has confirmed and amplified his leader's offer. "Demilitarization" had previously been dismissed by the US on the grounds that it could easily be reversed. But by now offering to dismantle the "wagons" altogether the Russians have thrown the ball back to the Pentagon.

One target of this latest Soviet offer is the United States' own phased-array radar station on Greenland — and another being built at Fylingdales in Britain. Until now the USSR has demanded that the Americans show willingness to abandon these installations of their own before surrendering to US demands on Krasnoyarsk. It now seems that they have decided to act unilaterally — and challenge the US Administration to respond.

On the assumption that they carry out their word, one effect could be to ease progress at the strategic arms reduction talks in Geneva. Accusations and counter-accusations have been hurled at each side by the other over violations of the ABM Treaty ever since the talks began.

But the more important and more specific Soviet objective must be to embarrass the Americans over SDI — the defensive system of which the Soviet Union is most afraid. Sir Geoffrey Howe was right to point out yesterday the success of recent Western policy in forcing beneficial changes in the Soviet Union. It is to be hoped that his words are well heeded — in Rome, Bonn, and Washington.

## BENEFITING THE NEEDY

Children in need will be better off as a result of the decisions announced in the House of Commons by the Social Services Secretary, Mr John Moore, yesterday. That is the most reassuring outcome of the public spending round for social security. It is one which should not be lost sight of in recriminations over the decision to freeze child benefit for the second year running.

The net result will be a saving in public spending. There is no need for the Government to try to disguise that. But part of the point of targeting benefits more precisely is to cut down on the pointless process of taking out of one well-funded pocket and putting the proceeds into another of the same kind. This kind of merry-go-round in which the £50 billion social security budget plays a crucial part is an administrative absurdity and a poor way of allocating resources.

Mr Moore has already been able to use some of the savings to give more to those who really depend on the State. They will get more than they would have if child benefit had been uprated.

This is particularly true of the neediest category of families — those where the breadwinner is unemployed and who are entirely dependent on income support. Those arguing in favour of child benefit uprating seldom notice — or seldom acknowledge — that simply uprating CB would help these families not at all. Every £1 increase in child benefit would come off their entitlement to income support. But the higher income support payments announced by Mr Moore will be a real, if modest, benefit.

The other category which will benefit from the changes is the working families on low incomes where the proposed rise in family

credit will take child support further up the income scale. The problem here is the relatively low level of take-up.

Hopes that take-up would rise above one in two of those eligible — the experience with family credit's predecessor, family income supplement — have not so far been realized. Although it is early days yet, Mr Moore's latest changes will tend to increase the number of people with small entitlements which they may not bother to collect.

The better off will get nothing, at least in the way of extra benefit. But it is difficult to argue that they should. The idea that society as a whole should contribute to the rearing of the next generation by a transfer from the childless to those shouldering the burden of bringing up children may be acceptable in principle. But it is surely unacceptable in practice if it implies, as it does, the relatively poor contributing to the relatively rich.

What one misses in yesterday's statement is some imaginative initiative to offset the political debt of freezing child benefit. Altering the terms of cold weather payments to apply to any consecutive seven days rather than any consecutive seven days starting on a Monday is all very well (it is scarcely credible to the non-Whitehall mind that it should ever have been otherwise) but it is not the stuff to set the order papers waving.

There is still a case for re-opening the question of the structure of social security as a whole. It is easier to devise an acceptable package in which the pluses will outnumber the minuses within the context of an overall review than it is by piecemeal decisions taken in the pressure-cooker of an annual spending round.

## NEW CLOTHES FOR MR PERES

The Middle East will be going to the polls next week in Israel's general election. Now President Mitterrand too has cast his vote.

Three months ago the outlook was bleak for Mr Shimon Peres, Foreign Minister and leader of Israel's Labour Party. After dithering for years about Jordan's role on the West Bank, King Hussein finally made up his mind — and pulled out altogether. As Labour's plan for the Arab-Israeli issue had rested on holding peace talks with Hussein, Mr Peres was suddenly left without a policy.

Last weekend, however, moderate Arab leaders contrived to give Israel's Foreign Minister a set of new clothes. King Hussein, President Mubarak of Egypt and Iraq's Saddam Hussein held a series of meetings with Mr Yasser Arafat of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Their aim was to construct a moderate front which could hold the ring in Arab-Israeli peace talks.

At least part of their aim was to give a helping hand to Mr Peres. In the first place, the reconciliation between the PLO and Jordan, after two years of sterile separation, once more restored to Labour the prospect of a joint Arab delegation which might not only seem acceptable in Jerusalem but could be willing to make sensible progress towards a settlement. In the second place, the PLO is said to be working towards an historic declaration on Israel's right to exist — a condition on which all parties there must insist.

The Arab leaders have made little secret of their preference for an outright Peres victory. On Monday the PLO went so far as to urge not only Jewish voters but Israel's Arab minority too (who make up 14 per cent of the electorate) to make sure that they keep out the right-wing Likud Party, under its leader Mr Yitzhak Shamir, Israel's present Prime Minister. A victory for Mr Shamir, who is wholly opposed to exchanging land for peace, would spell (say the Arabs) disaster for the region.

The Labour Party has (not surprisingly) welcomed this Arab initiative. Cautious approval has come from the United States, which has invested heavily itself in the peace process. Now President Mitterrand also, at a Franco-Egyptian summit, has added his

blessing. And while Britain has so far refrained from public comment, Whitehall is broadly in favour of the story so far.

This does not mean that Mr Peres is home and dry. For one thing the latest Arab statements have been strong on rhetoric but noticeably weak on substance. Moreover the next chapter looks blurred.

For instance, the PLO's declaration on Israel's right to exist will probably not be written until an emergency session of the PLO's parliament, the Palestine National Council, on November 12 in Algiers. The choice of words too is expected to be cautious. Rumour has it that it will refer to the coexistence of "two states in the land of Palestine".

Many Palestinians fear that they are about to play their last card in their 40-year struggle for statehood. They want to see more reliable international guarantees before granting direct recognition of Israel.

Such evasive prose may not be enough to satisfy modern Israel — even if it is led by the pragmatic Shimon Peres. But it is more than enough to infuriate the more radical Palestinians — as well as a disruptive Syria. It is probably fortunate for Labour that the election will have been held more than 10 days before. Israeli hopes of progress under a moderate Labour leadership may thus be safely raised — without the disappointment which would follow an Arab "cop out".

This is assuming, of course, that the electorate favours Labour policies in the first place. Mr Shamir is already trying to capitalize on the situation by playing on Israel's pride and fears. Their Arab enemies, says Likud, are trying to influence Israel's own election — and the Labour Party is playing into their hands. Mr Peres and, for that matter, King Hussein, have already on separate occasions looked in danger of overplaying their hand — and arousing the suspicions of a wary and politically sophisticated Israeli electorate.

The Arabs have given Mr Peres a new suit of clothes of which he was badly in need. His worry must be that too many in the electorate might see through them.

## Arguments about union in Europe

From Mr J. P. Maurice  
Sir, You report (October 26) that members of the European Parliament are demanding full union. A prerequisite for real union must be the ending of national blocks in the European Parliament itself, to produce a genuinely European view as opposed to an alliance of national views.

The way to achieve this would be to reorganise the parliamentary seats so that they are based on a ward system. Each seat would have, say, four wards with each in a different country. The mix of wards and countries would be so organised as to ensure an even distribution across the Community as a whole, to prevent the emergence of supra-national blocks. An added refinement would be to stop the national of any State standing for a seat with a ward in his own country.

This system would guarantee that the members of the Parliament would themselves have to reconcile conflicting national interests and explain them to their own electors. It would aid the development of genuine supra-national political parties. It would also test the real depth of commitment to European unity, both in members of the Parliament and the member states.

Might we perhaps see that the commitment to a united Europe does not extend this far?  
Yours faithfully,  
J. P. MAURICE,  
Mitchell's, 34 Hill Road,  
Oakley, Nr Basingstoke,  
Hampshire,  
October 26.

From Mr David J. Price  
Sir, Mr William Cash, MP ("No to the Euro-plotters", October 25) seems to be defending a mirage of sovereignty. Effective sovereignty requires a solid political base. National sovereignty for a country as small as Great Britain is less and less realistic. We have lost little to our European neighbours. We are losing more and more to the USA, USSR, and Japan.

Such Europeans as Peter Sutherland, Egon Klepsch, and Siegfried Alber — who is urging democratic

control of Community matters through a stronger European Parliament — are not "Euro-plotters". They are addressing issues of real concern for British citizens — even though many British politicians choose to ignore them.

Such issues include how Western Europe can properly compete with USA and Japan; how businessmen can effectively buy and sell without losing profits because of adverse exchange-rate movements; how the Community can achieve an internal democratic cohesion as a civilian super power to balance the preponderance of the Gorbachov-style USSR in our "European home"; how all of us can have proper representation now we all pay European taxes.

If Mr Cash thinks the arguments are about bottled mineral water, he is in the wrong debate.

Yours etc.,  
DAVID J. PRICE,  
4 rue de la Forge,  
L-1535 Luxembourg,  
October 26.

From Mr Bryan Cassidy, MEP for Dorset East and Hampshire West (European Democrat (Conservative))  
Sir, Bill Cash's excellent analysis omitted an important issue — the lack of accountability of the Commission as a civil service.

Although the commissioners are ultimately accountable, their officials are not. There is no principle of ministerial responsibility as we would recognise it in the United Kingdom. On occasion this has led to individual commissioners being severely embarrassed by the actions of quite junior officials in the Berlaymont building.

Problems of accountability are here and now. The question of federalism does not come into it. The Commission is an increasingly powerful body which has to be made democratically accountable.

Yours faithfully,  
BRYAN CASSIDY,  
Constituency HQ,  
The Stables, White Cliff Gardens,  
Blandford, Dorset,  
October 26.

## Family allowances

From the Chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission

Sir, The Equal Opportunities Commission warmly welcomes news (report, October 25) of the Government's "equality-proofing" system to ensure all legislation is discrimination-free. At a time of increasing international competition and skills shortages, due to fewer young people coming into the labour market, it makes sound economic sense.

However, the news that child benefit is yet again to be frozen is not welcome. There are good reasons, not only for keeping child benefit, but for up-rating it in line with inflation.

We would like to see the Government reconcile its dual concern about the family and the skills shortage by translating its belief in equal opportunities into positive, as well as "equality proofing" action.

Combining work with family responsibilities is hard. Women, and men, want to be able to do this in an effective and responsible way. Quality, accessible and affordable child care is as much in the interests of parents and their children as it is for employers and the country.

Yours faithfully,  
JOANNA FOSTER, Chairman,  
Equal Opportunities Commission,  
Oversea House,  
Quay Street,  
Manchester.

## Comparative values

From Mr Graham Todd  
Sir, To answer the question raised by Mr Brinsley Black (October 26), the amounts being spent to save two grey whales are in addition to those spent feeding starving children and other excellent causes, not in place of.

Yours faithfully,  
D. C. G. TODD,  
45 Concorde Street, SW6,  
October 26.

From Mrs Stella M. Lilley  
Sir, Let us hope that God has a sense of humour while he watches a group of his creatures trying to rescue a couple of whales at enormous expense, in one corner of the world, while just a few thousand miles away, others are cheerfully and profitably killing as many of that species as possible.

Yours faithfully,  
STELLA M. LILLEY,  
Kingsdown Park House,  
Tankerton, Kent,  
October 25.

## Church funding

From the Reverend Ralph Stringer  
Sir, Nigel Andrew, in his "Out and about" report (October 22) says that there is surprisingly little difference between a redundant church and one still in use. As a priest with responsibility for one of each category I must tell him what the difference is.

Our redundant church, a Jacobean beauty in a deserted hamlet, a mile and a half from a metalled road, receives State subsidy for all its repairs to the tune of 75 per cent of the total cost. The balance comes from various resources within the Redundant Churches Fund, but a large proportion of those are from the Church Commissioners — the Church of England's paymasters.

The church which is in use has one of the finest hammer-beam

## Seeing red

From the Co-Chairman of the Channel Tunnel Group Limited

Sir, The Customs and Excise are thinking out their role post-1992. If they start from present practice, as demonstrated recently at Heathrow, there is little chance of a good answer.

I returned from Japan carrying a motorised moped that had cost me a little over £100. I entered the red channel and, once the young man condescended to pay attention, I declared it. I dealt with his aggressive assumption that I was carrying a lot of other delectable items.

He then informed me, brusquely, of the duty to pay "in sterling cash or a cheque on a bank in Britain". This is ludicrous: nowhere is the traveller told in advance he cannot pay in dollars, yen, travellers' cheques etc. In practice he is stuck, having either to relinquish his goods or retreat into the luggage area in search of an amateur moneychanger.

Even if he were told in advance to pay in sterling cash, why should this be so? What kind of racism, 19th-century, "you are fortunate to be allowed in here" attitude is this? Why does any odium attach to going into the red channel and being willing to pay duty on a personal import?

The rule applied and the manner of application were a disgrace. Yours faithfully,  
ALASTAIR MORTON,  
Co-Chairman,  
The Channel Tunnel Group Limited,  
Victoria Plaza,  
111 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1,  
October 25.

## Appeals in the air

From Mr Alan Morris  
Sir, I recently approached my MP with a view to bringing a complaint against the Civil Aviation Authority to the Ombudsman. To my surprise he discovered that the CAA lies outside the jurisdiction of that person. This situation should be remedied without delay.

It seems to me totally wrong that an organisation with such power over the activities and livelihoods of professional aircrew and other members of the public involved in aviation should not be accountable.

Yours,  
ALAN MORRIS,  
Pippingford Park,  
Nuteley, Sussex,  
October 14.

Carboys and souvenir stalls seem to be the only way of making visitors aware that churches in use for regular worship receive relatively little aid to maintain the

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (01)782 5046.

## House moves as a cause of stress

From Dr Robin G. Lambert  
Sir, A great deal of the mental and physical ill health in Britain is caused by frequent house moves. Much of the blame for this must be laid at the doors of our national firms, including insurance companies, banks, major businesses, and industrial firms.

In my work as a general practitioner I see families disrupted by repeated moves. The sequence starts with the husband's promotion from one area to another. Months may go by before his wife and children are able to move to live with him again.

In the meantime he is, in effect, a single man, living in a strange town, away from home comforts. He is easy prey to an extra-marital affair, while his wife and family become used to life without him.

When the family are reunited tensions develop because the individuals have established their own separate needs. Just as the husband/wife relationship is being re-established, the firm springs another move, and the sequence starts all over again.

Extra-marital affairs and divorce run high in these groups.

and the resultant effects on all members of the family are seen in the GP's surgery.

Even if husband and wife remain loyal, the children are badly affected by frequent changes of school and friends, leading to poor performances, psychological problems, and often delinquency.

One accepts that promotion of personnel around the country is essential in these large organisations, but I have long felt that the frequency and number of these moves is unnecessary, and imposed on the employee with little or no thought for the well being of the individual and his family. Woe betide the employee who turns down such a move.

This is a potent source of ill-health in Britain, and I feel that urgent consideration should be given at the highest levels of business to halt the perpetuation of this system, I have a black list of the worst offenders!

Yours faithfully,  
ROBIN G. LAMBERT,  
Brockley Chase,  
Cleve,  
Bristol, Avon,  
October 22.

## Jury service

From Mr Hugh W. Mellor

Sir, My experience of jury service (two weeks in 1980) was happier than that of some of your interviewees (Spectrum, October 24). I came away impressed with how hard an average group will struggle to produce a fair verdict. But if it is an average group it will include people with inadequacies and prejudices — no one should be surprised at that — and so the exercise will be painful and possibly long.

It will be greatly helped if it finds a good foreman to chair its deliberations; and that is where the system is very weak.

How can a group whose members know nothing about one another choose a suitable person? The talkative, self-important, and probably therefore most unsuitable, person is the most likely to be nominated. This was my experience. Any reform should address itself to this question.

The system must certainly revert to being based on random selection — from the preparation of the list of those eligible to the selection of jurors to try a particular case. I have seen the right to challenge gravely misused. That results in the group not being average, with the sorts of problems arising which your reports describe.

Yours faithfully,  
HUGH W. MELLOR,  
Lark Rise, Risborough Road,  
Great Kimble,  
Aylesbury,  
Buckinghamshire,  
October 25.

## Promises, promises

From Mr B. Benjamin

Sir, The full-page advertisement, "An apology and a promise", inserted by the Post Office in today's issue (October 24), would carry more conviction and assurance for the future if it had been countersigned by the general secretaries and executive members of the appropriate trade unions.

Their endorsement of the management's message would go a long way to create new confidence that this historic and, hitherto, remarkably efficient institution had a viable future.

Yours faithfully,  
B. BENJAMIN,  
49 London Road,  
Northwich,  
Cheshire,  
October 24.

## Right to silence

From Mr Rex Bryan

Sir, Today, a guilty man who is cautioned by the police will say "No comment" to any questions he is asked. The jury who try him are told not to draw any adverse inference from such an exercise of his rights.

Tomorrow, if he says "no comment" the jury will be told that they may infer his guilt from his silence.

But what if tomorrow's man says: "I strenuously deny the allegations you make against me, but my solicitor has advised me not to answer your questions today, but to give a full explanation to the jury in due course".

Can any adverse inferences be drawn from such a reply?  
Yours sincerely,  
REX BRYAN,  
5 Pump Court,  
Temple, EC4,  
October 26.

## Lorries in the dark

From Mrs Barbara J. McElney

Sir, Over the past few years I have witnessed with horror the identical road accident three times, each at night in the rain, with poor visibility.

Junctions allow side roads to cross dual carriageways to the opposite side road; when an articulated lorry or long vehicle crosses it often has to stop half way for oncoming traffic. In the darkness the lorry, being sideways, is totally unseen, many have no warning lights or a few red lights which give the appearance of a motor bike rear light.

Surely it is time all long vehicles had a wide luminous paintstrip along the length of the vehicle, headlights from oncoming cars would light up the strip and accidents like these could be avoided.

Yours sincerely,  
BARBARA J. MCELNEY,  
Fawn Ridge, Chollacott Lane,  
Tavistock, Devon,  
October 21.

## Shadow of time

From Mr Nicholas Martin

Sir I wish to comment about the controversial matter of abolishing Greenwich Mean Time in 1992 (report, October 24).

I think half-an-hour should be added to the present GMT and the clocks left on that for ever and ever. This is a compromise between those who believe we should remain on wintertime GMT and those who believe we should be on British summertime.

As a schoolboy, half-an-hour more of daylight in winter would mean I would not come home in the dark and nor would other schoolchildren.

Yours faithfully,  
N. MARTIN (aged 14),  
12 Willow Road, NW3,  
October 24.

## Exciting mathematics

From the President of the London Mathematical Society

Sir, The Council of the London Mathematical Society dissociates itself from the views on mathematics expressed (October 10) by Professor Emeritus Lawden. The dreariness that he sees in mathematics lies in the eye of the beholder.

Professor Lawden is mistaken in thinking that elliptic integrals are no longer taught in this country; in one guise or another they still occupy the centre stage of mathematics (especially in number theory), and are indeed taught at Cambridge and other British universities.

As to his complaints about topology and functional analysis, they are not only profound and beautiful subjects in their own right, but are also fundamental to the conceptual understanding of differential equations. An example is their application to chaos, enabling scientists to explain phenomena that were previously thought to be intractable.

Mathematics is currently entering a new phase of intense interaction between pure and applied, and today's students find the impact of this research upon their teaching very exciting.

Yours faithfully,  
E. C. ZEEMAN,  
London Mathematical Society,  
Hertford College, Oxford,  
October 20.

## Biter bit?

From Dr R. V. Sykes

Sir, I have a replacement for the old phrase-book classic, "The position has been struck by lightning".

Recently, in my own swimming pool, I lost a front tooth, subsequently recovered from the filter two days later. In Granada, Spain, two weeks ago, when swimming in their 50-metre pool, I lost the same tooth.

"Can you recover my tooth from your filter?" was the phrase needed for the pool attendant. Neither my phrase book, nor my Spanish was adequate for retrieval.

Yours faithfully,  
R. V. SYKES,  
Carrantuohilly, Bare Lane,  
Ockbrook, Derby,  
October 15.











## ROYAL LONDON SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND

## Blind — and efficient

Pat Blair reports on the society, which is now celebrating 150 years of development

It comes as something of a surprise to walk into a precision-engineering factory, full of lethal pieces of high-speed equipment, only to realize that the men confidently moving around, turning capstans and pressing buttons within millimetres of whirling metal, are all blind or as visually handicapped as makes little difference.

Many visitors to the Royal London Society for the Blind's engineering workshops, at Queen's Park, in north London, have a similar reaction, according to Ron Pocock, secretary general of the society which is now celebrating its 150th anniversary.

Several of the callers are businessmen from whom the society hopes to win orders in open competition with other light-engineering companies. Its success in doing so is reflected by the customers it has on its books: Hawker Siddeley, Guinness, Lister Petter and Lucas Electrical among them.

The 150-year milestone marks a series of changes a

thousand light years away from the society's beginnings in January 1838, as the London Society for Teaching the Blind to Read. In those early days, blind people were learning to read using the system of embossed type invented by Thomas Lucas of Bristol.

The system was introduced to London in 1837, 17 years before Louis Braille's invention of raised print was adopted in France, and 24 years before the society almost certainly became the first place to introduce Braille in Britain.

Education then, as now, was a primary aim of the society. Its day school, originally in Fitzroy Street, moved to Bloomsbury and opened places to resident pupils. Within two years, it was offering students lessons in practical skills — basket-making, knitting and netting — a forerunner to education for employment.

As the need grew, the school transferred to larger premises in Bloomsbury until, in 1847, the society took out a 96-year lease on a site at Swiss Cottage for a

purpose-built school, which opened the following year. There it remained, growing and expanding its activities, until the outbreak of the Second World War, when the children were evacuated from London to Doriton House, a large manor house in Buckinghamshire.

The move to Seal, near Sevenoaks, in Kent — where it still is — was made in 1954, when the school took with it the name of the Buckinghamshire manor. Doriton House now caters for 112 day and boarding students, 94 of them in the school and 18 at the £1.4 million college of further education which has just opened in the grounds of the renovated mansion house.

Peter Talbot, described by Mr Pocock as "the best and most experienced teacher of the

blind in the country", has been headmaster for the past 18 months. His is the job of overseeing the extensive changes being brought about with the expansion of the further education facilities for students over the age of 16.

As with schools throughout the country, Doriton House has also been grappling with the new GCSE examination. It had 60 entries from 14 candidates last year, when the examination was brought in. They achieved an average D grade, also the national average. Mr Talbot says: "Our results in English language, literature, history, French and home economics were very good. Maths and science were disappointing, although on the whole we are pleased with the standard of their work."

Mathematics and science demonstrated some of the problems of the new examination, now being taken up with the examining board. The use of pictorial representations is heavily geared towards the sighted and some of the tactile diagrams were "not very good."

Though the visually handicapped are given extra time during the examination, it proved to be not enough. However, the introduction of project work was an advantage for Doriton House students because it gave time for them to produce work of a good standard.

Not all the pupils, who range upwards from the age of five, are totally blind; they also fall into the categories of partially sighted and visually handicapped, abbreviated in student jargon to "totals", "partials" or "visuals".

Some, such as Raymond St Cyr and Elizabeth Moore, both aged 16, can see but their visual impairment is such that they have transferred from mainstream schools. Elizabeth, a lively veteran in her second year at Doriton House, is for example also doing a course in Braille to help prepare her for the future. Having gained four O-level equivalents, she may go on to A levels.

She says: "The staff are really helpful but you can't get away with as much as you can in mainstream."

Raymond, who started at



High-tech preparation: Peter Talbot with second-year pupil Elizabeth Moore

Doriton House only this term, agrees. "But everyone is so friendly," he adds. He has settled in happily by the end of his first week.

Most children are five-day boarders, going home every weekend. After-school activities range wide and include learning to canoe in the school's swimming pool.

In recent years, technological advances have worked to the benefit of blind people. Computers can "speak" what has been written; an earphone keeps the words confined to the user. Material put into a Braille computer can also spill out typed copy as well as a Braille version and thus be used by the sighted. Much of such equipment is available to Doriton House, bought with money raised by local people and other supporters of the school.

Referred by local education authorities who ultimately pick up the bill, potential pupils go

through Doriton House's assessment centre. The school accepts visually handicapped children with a broad spread of ability, ranging upwards from those with "moderate learning abilities".

"We don't really cater for those with severe learning difficulties; often a school which specializes in such children is more appropriate than we are."

Students are drawn from all over south-east England — Oxfordshire, Hampshire, Wiltshire and Berkshire, although most — about 40 per cent — are from Kent. Fees are £10,950 a year for five-day boarders; £7,665 for day pupils; and £11,750 for further education students, who are seven-day boarders.

A consultant ophthalmologist visits once a week, seeing a wide range of conditions, only about a third of which stem from birth.

In the past, Doriton House

has had applications from parents of under-fives who were placed in infant or reception classes, "not the best thing for them," Mr Talbot says. The school is now developing a nursery where children can attend part-time until they are of school age. He says: "It will allow us to do rather more and offer more support to parents."

"The important thing for the parent of a blind child is that they keep them active and learning all the time. With a sighted child, learning is almost incidental; give them toys and they get on with it. A blind child needs more active involvement."

Pre-school parent days, once a term, attract around 60 parents to listen to an expert speaker and exchange views with staff and each other. The nursery, which may ultimately accommodate 10 children, will enable more individual contact with parents.



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At the other end of the spectrum, many of the further education students attend the West Kent College, at Tunbridge, for at least part of the time. Some attend for a limited course, one or two days a week. They can enter a job-oriented course, still with an emphasis on core subjects but allowing them to sample different employment areas.

Other students may go directly to A-levels or full-time vocational training courses.

A former student, Julia Schofield, who attended Doriton House until the age of 11, now runs her own computer consultancy business and was named 1987 Business Woman of the Year. Len Williams, another former pupil, became Lord Mayor of the London Borough of Brent, returning to his job at the Queen's Park headquarters at the end of his year of office.

Whatever the employment successes of visually handicapped people, there will always be a place for sheltered workshops, Mr Pocock says. Not everyone is suitable for the government-subsidised sheltered placement in open industry.

Current government restrictions on financing places in sheltered workshops mean that the society is limited in the numbers it can take into employment and training.

The society, however, is determined to continue to expand and be as far-sighted in providing education and training as those who started the process of teaching blind people in the capital to read.

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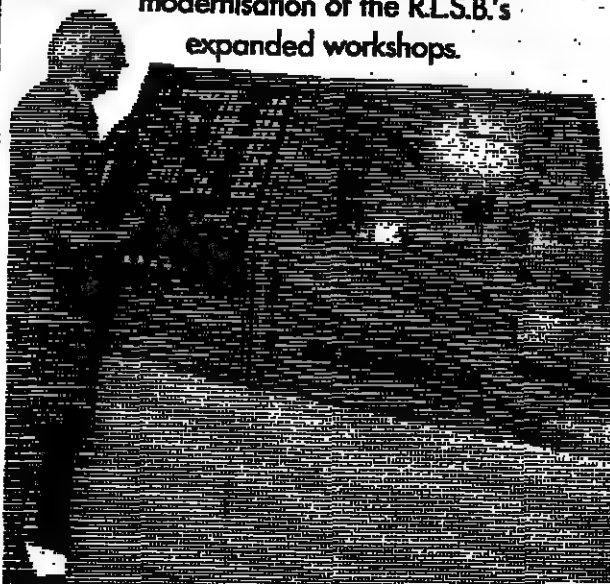
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# Growing up behind closed doors

Most of us would hesitate to lock a naughty child in a room for five minutes, such punishments belong to another age. But Ciaran Collins, who committed murder at the age of 12, is to be locked away at Her Majesty's Pleasure - an indefinite sentence.

Last year, 84 children were placed in secure units, after being convicted under Section 53 of the Children and Young Person's Act, for crimes considered too severe to be dealt with by the juvenile courts. Most of them had sentences of two to five years.

Two of the secure units are directly run by the Department of Health as youth treatment centres. The remaining 53 are run by local authorities, often as small annexes to existing child care facilities.

Most of the child inmates will not be convicted criminals, but are locked away for their own protection, because they are regular absconders, or because they cannot be controlled in any other way.

Keeping children in such units is fraught with difficulties. How do you imprison a child? How do you find a suitable peer group for a child like Ciaran? And how do you prepare him for the fact that at 18, no matter how well he does, he will not go out to work, but into an adult prison.

In the eight months between his arrest and sentence, Ciaran has been held at St Charles youth treatment centre in Brentwood. But it was difficult to provide the emotional help he needs so badly because he had pleaded not guilty, and so the case could not be discussed. Now psychiatrists and psychologists have the long task of finding out what really lies behind this crime, and the even harder task of getting Ciaran to face up to what he has done.

It seems likely that he will

Can we really expect children who are sentenced to be detained indefinitely at Her Majesty's Pleasure to become normal adults in society?  
**Ann Kent reports**

remain in St Charles, where the regime is an inevitably uneasy mix of children's home, hospital and prison. It was built in the Sixties, initially as a Borstal, although it was never used for that purpose. It consists of a large open space - which Ciaran is unlikely to be allowed to enter - and three locked houses.

Attempts are made to make the houses homely with plants, pictures, bright decorations and carpet rather than lino. But doors to the outside are double-locked and the plastic windows only open a few inches. The staff ratio is high, with 13 social workers, nurses and teachers to every 10 children.

Bedrooms are locked at night and unlocked in the morning by the two night staff. Days are a mixture of schoolwork, recreation and individual and group treatment sessions.

One of the main objections to confining children at Her Majesty's Pleasure is that it is hard to define goals for them. "It is also difficult for staff who are trained in rehabilitation to accept that the

children they have tried so hard to help will go to prison when they are 18," said a senior social worker.

He thought that finding a peer group was less difficult than people might imagine. "Most of the children in youth treatment centres have been through the same kind of childhood experiences as Ciaran."

But at 13, Ciaran will be one of the youngest inmates at St Charles. Most are between 15 and 17 and are thus bigger and more established in their disturbed adolescence.

In 1968, when Mary Bell, aged 11, was sentenced to be detained indefinitely for the manslaughter of two boys aged three and four, she spent the first six years of her sentence at a special unit of an approved school for boys. She was transferred at 17 to Styal closed prison in Cheshire, then to Moor Court open prison near Stoke-on-Trent, from which she absconded in 1977.

She was returned to Styal, but two years later was sent to Ashburn Grove, from which she was released, under licence, in May 1980, shortly before her 23rd birthday.

During the 12 years of her detention she received no psychiatric treatment, although psychiatrists had recommended it.

St Charles takes a psychodynamic approach, which means staff will work on children's motivations and help them find their own insight into why the crimes happened.

But can such youth treatment centres really help to turn child murderers into normal citizens? David Pithers, psychotherapist with the National Children's Homes, deals regularly with severely disturbed children,



The disturbing faces of child murderers: Ciaran Collins (left), who killed at the age of 12, and Mary Bell, who killed at 10, pictured shortly before her release in 1980. Bell had no psychiatric treatment during detention; Collins will be luckier - he is to get help in facing up to what he has done

including those who have killed. He says he has never met a child who cannot be helped.

He finds it "amazing" that so few children in care commit murder considering the violence and distress many of them exhibit. "Most of the children we work with are intensely and destructively angry."

Some children are unable to show their fury and disappointment until it suddenly explodes. One withdrawn 16-year-old I knew, with no record of violence, went into the park, took a baby out of its pram, and smashed it to the ground. He had built up an overwhelming resentment of

children, like this baby, who were obviously loved and well cared for.

"From what I can gather, Ciaran is not just typical, he is archetypal. Ironically, there is a good chance his needs will be attended to, while thousands of others will be left to manage."

Terry Bruce, a consultant psychiatrist at Bart's Hospital, who used to work at St James's youth treatment centre, says: "My guess is that this child does not suffer from a psychiatric disorder. His behaviour is probably related to his upbringing and I would guess that his childhood was a lot worse than we have heard."

But how did Ciaran find himself in this position? His father was imprisoned, the marriage broke up, and his stepfather was fined for beating him. Nevertheless, his childhood experiences are no worse than those of thousands of others who will never kill.

"A lot of kids from unhappy backgrounds are potential killers. Envy and jealousy of those who seem to be having better lives is a big factor. Quite a lot of these murders by children are grievous bodily harm gone wrong. The Home Office ask us every few years if these children are fit to be let out. Safety is their main concern."

Much depends on the ability to form relationships. Terry Bruce says. In Ciaran's case, if this has not occurred by his mid-twenties he fears the outlook will not be good. "Although the chances are that he will not kill again, I doubt if he would ever be a normal young adult."

## Rudely fashioned

Jerusalem - There is a large camel sitting in the garden behind my hotel and it blinks at me as I sit gathering my nerve each morning, rehearsing my lines. "I would like to go to Xomena," I say. It cuts no ice with camel or the carriage industry. The taxi drivers lean against their cars looking at me with indifference as I repeat my request. One of them will eventually shrug and let me inside his taxi with an offended air.

What is it, I wonder. This is the only country outside the socialist ones in which the customer is made to feel like a nuisance. One can queue for 20 minutes at the bank, only to face an angry teller. I suppose it was like that in the UK once, where shoppers always felt as if they had interrupted the very important business of taking inventory.

A couple of Yeshiva students speculated that it was all to do with the early days of Israel, when the emphasis was on workers' rights. It had affected the national character, they said. You are identified with the exploiter of labour, they told me. I don't think this is it. I have seen these taxi drivers and bank tellers after they have emigrated to New York or London and they change their attitudes in a second.

On the other hand, perhaps Israel was the best place to be for a preview of the new fashions from Paris earlier this week. Israeli women are extremely inventive, as I noticed after spending a day on the West Bank with an army patrol. I can't believe that the Defence Ministry actually issues army fatigues for females with trousers that are quite so well-fitted in the waist and buttocks. It certainly adds to the air of congeniality around the barracks, as my escort officer moaned to me while watching a particularly sprightly new recruit. All women are called up at 18 and although it's no picnic, ac-



BARBARA AMIEL

tually I can see how from a female point-of-view it wouldn't be too bad. Women, after all, don't get put into the more exposed positions.

Fashion does keep the spirit up in bleak times and knowing this I shouldn't have made the mistake I did when attending a diplomatic function in Tel Aviv. "It's quite informal," said the editor of the *Jerusalem Post*, who invited me. "A buffet in the garden."

It turned out to be very chic with ladies in silk dresses sitting on plastic folding chairs, asking about the weather in London. Rather Chekovian, if you see what I mean. I was clearly a disappointment in my crumpled party wear. When I got back to my hotel I borrowed a copy of the *Herald Tribune* from the receptionist and read all about the new look. "Christian Lacroix's collection was a mess," wrote the fashion editor, "but a glorious mess, bubbling like a bouillabaisse with imagination and ideas, stuffed with fresh ingredients, rich in its different flavours and sprinkled with spicy colours. It was indigestible, swallowed in a gulp at the end of a long day." It sounds sadly like me on my few particularly good days, I thought hopefully.

The only English-language television in Israel comes from Jordan Television, which is

perfectly all right provided you are ready to take your 10 o'clock news beginning with lots of madly smiling army officers kissing the cheeks and hands of members of the Hashemite royal family. It reminded me of my stay in Egypt some time ago when I discovered that there was only one thing more inefficient than socialism. That is socialism combined with the Middle Eastern love of hierarchy and class.

Wednesday night I was happily watching a nephew of King Hussein kissing a row of bureaucrats when the news made the transition to international stories. It was a bit unsettling to be sitting in Jerusalem listening to Amman blather on about the Russians helping American scientists free a couple of whales. I am always happy, mind you, to see the world get caught up in the heartwarming story of the week but I do hope that all mammals, both hot and cold-blooded, draw the right conclusions from this - which is to draw absolutely no conclusion at all.

I don't know any of the details about the young lady who alleged this week that a taxi driver had raped her. All I know is that she retracted her story after the police had begun a very extensive investigation. Whether or not she should be charged with public mischief is a legitimate question and can only be answered by those who have all the details of the incident. Perhaps she is not of sound mind. What it does remind me of is the very evident truth that while some men rape, some women may be about being raped. If a complainant's untruthfulness were not available as a defence, in many rape cases there would be no need for a trial. The minute a charge was laid, there would be an automatic conviction. Occasionally, this very evident thought seems to escape some of our more progressive reformers.

From Helen M. Hatfield, 14 Hook Hill, Sanderstead, Surrey

Having read your Wednesday Page article "A parental slap in the face?" (October 12), I asked a group of women of my acquaintance whether they had struck their children when the children were small: all answered "yes", with the frequency ranging from "very seldom" to "very often". A further question as to whether they smacked their children when they were big adolescents brought a universal "no" for answer.

Adolescent children usually produce a fair amount of stress in most households, so I asked why there was no hitting at that time. One woman responded that her children could then run faster than she could, and the remainder replied that their large offspring might then have hit them back.

This conversation has helped to confirm my long-held suspicion that grown-ups hit children because grown-ups are bigger.

## TALKBACK Time to hit back?

From Mrs S.C. Eccles, Holmewood Ridge, Langton Green, Kent

While anyone would agree with Michael Freeman's views on corporal punishment, one would also have to agree that our English society greatly fails to prepare us adequately for parenthood. There are very few of us who understand how children tick, because we have never been taught, and to make that burden even more difficult the average mother or parent is on duty with her children for at least 100

hours per week (and no paid holidays or weekends).

If one then adds in the normal pressures - not to mention anything abnormal - of everyday life, one can create a concoction of tension all too ready to explode. It is an education in, and the stage management of, childcare that we as parents solely need.

From Gerald Awe, Combe Down, Bath

Professor Freeman has got it right. We should not hit our children, not only because it offends their rights, but because it is an inefficient way of getting children to do what we think is correct. As inefficient as shouting. And it is a mistaken manifestation of the love we should be showing them at all times, whether praising, correcting or guiding.

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★ **DEALING WITH CLAIR:** Tom Courtenay in Martin Crimp's latest play dealing with the hazards of house-buying. Orange Tree Theatre, 45 Kew Road, Richmond (01-840 3533). Tube: Richmond. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, Fri-Sat 2.15-5pm. (D)

★ **THE JUNGLE:** Buster Theatre play spun from the writings of Steve Smith, performed by four actresses and a cello. Latchmere Theatre, 503 Battersea Park Rd, SW11 (01-228 2620). Mon-Sat 8-9.30pm, Mon-Thurs 2.45pm, Fri-Sat 2.55pm. (D)

★ **MRS KLEIN:** New Nicholas Wright play centring on a domestic tragedy in the life of psychoanalyst Melanie Klein. National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (01-228 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Tonight 7.30pm, then in rep. (D)

★ **RE JOYCE:** Maureen Lipman romances Joyce Grenfell in monologue and song with David King at the piano. Fortune Theatre, (01-436 2238). Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.30pm, Mat Sat 5pm. (D)

★ **A WALK IN THE WOODS:** Alec Guinness returns to the stage as a cynical Russian negotiator at a Geneva conference table. Comedy Theatre, Fenton St, SW1 (01-830 2278). Tube: Piccadilly. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, Sun 2.30pm. (D)

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★ **WORD-WATCHING**  
Answers from page 22  
**ORT**  
(a) Something left over from a meal, a dinner scrap, origin obscure, but cognate with the early modern Dutch *ort-ort*; Shakespeare: "Let him have a beggar's ear to crave."  
**COBACULUS**  
(b) Resembling leather, hence tough and durable, from the Latin *corium* skin, hide, leather: "Women don't make such a fuss. Their skin's tougher than ours." It must be admitted that when they put their minds to it, they can be more courageous.  
**TURPID**  
(c) Bese, filthy, worthless, from the Latin *turpis* ugly, foul, disgraceful: "The female crook turned turpidly and fled."  
**DIABOLIQUE**  
(d) Something that drives off the devil, a conjure by Oliver Wendell Holmes: "I wished that I could administer a diabolique as easily as a vermifuge for the expulsion of worms."

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Criterion Theatre (01-530 3216) ...★ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (01-828 6666)

## OUT OF TOWN

BRISTOL: ★ **Inventing a New Colour:** Premier of co-production with the Royal Court: two boys in wartime England plan to blow up school. Old Vic Theatre, King St (0272 220252). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, Mat Sat 3pm, 28, Until Nov 12. (D)

RICHMOND: ★ **Hecate:** Ian McKellen and Jane Asher in Ayckbourn's robot play: London-bound. Richmond Theatre, The Green (01-830 0088). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, £4.50-£9. (D)

## FILMS

Also on national release  
★ **Advance booking possible**

★ **AU REVOIR, LES ENFANTS:** Louis Malle's moving, semi-autobiographical drama, set in a provincial boarding school in the last months of World War Two. Gaspard Manesse heads the young non-professional cast (107 min). Curzon Haymarket (01-488 3737). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.20, 8.50.

★ **DEALING WITH CLAIR:** Tom Courtenay in Martin Crimp's latest play dealing with the hazards of house-buying. Orange Tree Theatre, 45 Kew Road, Richmond (01-840 3533). Tube: Richmond. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, Fri-Sat 2.15-5pm. (D)

★ **THE JUNGLE:** Buster Theatre play spun from the writings of Steve Smith, performed by four actresses and a cello. Latchmere Theatre, 503 Battersea Park Rd, SW11 (01-228 2620). Mon-Sat 8-9.30pm, Mon-Thurs 2.45pm, Fri-Sat 2.55pm. (D)

★ **MRS KLEIN:** New Nicholas Wright play centring on a domestic tragedy in the life of psychoanalyst Melanie Klein. National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (01-228 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Tonight 7.30pm, then in rep. (D)

★ **RE JOYCE:** Maureen Lipman romances Joyce Grenfell in monologue and song with David King at the piano. Fortune Theatre, (01-436 2238). Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.30pm, Mat Sat 5pm. (D)

★ **A WALK IN THE WOODS:** Alec Guinness returns to the stage as a cynical Russian negotiator at a Geneva conference table. Comedy Theatre, Fenton St, SW1 (01-830 2278). Tube: Piccadilly. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, Sun 2.30pm. (D)

★ **LONG RUNNERS:** ...★ Beyond Reasonable Doubt: Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166). ...★ Cats: New London Theatre (01-405 0072). ...★ Follows: Shaftesbury Theatre (01-436 5555). ...★ 42nd Street: Drury Lane Theatre (01-336 8108). ...★ Las Llamas: Shaftesbury Theatre (01-336 8108). ...★ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's Theatre (01-336 2244). ...★ Run for your Wife

★ **WORD-WATCHING**  
Answers from page 22  
**ORT**  
(a) Something left over from a meal, a dinner scrap, origin obscure, but cognate with the early modern Dutch *ort-ort*; Shakespeare: "Let him have a beggar's ear to crave."  
**COBACULUS**  
(b) Resembling leather, hence tough and durable, from the Latin *corium* skin, hide, leather: "Women don't make such a fuss. Their skin's tougher than ours." It must be admitted that when they put their minds to it, they can be more courageous.  
**TURPID**  
(c) Bese, filthy, worthless, from the Latin *turpis* ugly, foul, disgraceful: "The female crook turned turpidly and fled."  
**DIABOLIQUE**  
(d) Something that drives off the devil, a conjure by Oliver Wendell Holmes: "I wished that I could administer a diabolique as easily as a vermifuge for the expulsion of worms."

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## TELEVISION CHOICE



## Chris Petit

### Radio 3

**6.55** Weather, followed by News Headlines  
**7.00** Morning Concert:  
Mendelssohn (Trumpet Overture Op 101: LSO under Claudio Abbado); Handel (Concerto No 1 in B flat a due cori: Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood); Elgar (Chanson de matin: Nigel Kennedy, violin, and

mid:

Brahms (Variations on the St Anthony Choral): Berlin PO under Herbert von Karajan); Faure (Piano Quartet No 1 in C minor, Op 15: Emil Gilels, piano, Rudolf Barshai, viola, and Mstislav Rostropovich, cello); Falla (Ritual Fire Dance) (El amor brujo); Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Marriner)

**5.30 News**

**5.35 Composers of the Week:**  
**Bizet:** *La coccinelle*: Richard Jackson (baritone) with Graham Johnson (piano); *Jeux d'enfants* Op 22: Katia and Marielle Labèque (piano duo); Excerpts from *Act*

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Berganza (soprano), Ileana Cotrubaș (soprano) and  
 The English Chamber Orchestra  
 Overture to *Piano*, Op 19;  
 French National Orchestra  
 under Seiji Ozawa  
**1.25** *Les Contes d'Hoffmann*, Richard  
 Hickox conducts Rossini's  
 Overture to *La cambiale di  
 Serravallo*; Mahler's  
 Arnold's *Sinfonietta* No 3;  
 Cyril Roachman's *The Psalm  
 of Asaph*; and Mozart's  
*Le Nozze di Figaro* in B  
 flat (K 450), With Bernard  
 Roberts (piano) (r)  
**1.30** Brahms's *Clavier Sonatas*  
 Nos 1 and 2 (Marmelstein)  
 and Alan Grant (piano) play  
 Sonatas in F minor, Op 120  
 No 1; and in E flat Op 120  
 No 2 (r)  
**1.35** *Halle Orchestra*: Stanislaw  
 Szarowiczewski conducts  
 Wagner's Overture to  
*Die Meistersinger*; Perle's  
 Violin Concerto; and  
 Schumann's *Symphony No  
 4* in D minor, With  
 Christopher Edging (violin).  
 12.15 Interval reading (r)  
**1.50 News**  
**1.55** *Chamber Music from  
 the Rochester-Live Musicians  
 of the Royal Exchange  
 perform Alkan's Concerto  
 da camera in C sharp minor  
 Op No 2; Dvorak's  
 Waltzes, Op 54 Nos 1 and 4;  
 and Mendelssohn's*

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## Peter Davalle

## ITV/1 ONDGN

**3.30** **Comeback.** Sophie Aldred and Stephen Johnington answer your questions about the new *Doctor Who* series. **Enola.** Cartoon series. **4.30** **TV** **Saturday Night**

**5.00** **Newsworld.** **5.30** **Record Breakers.** presented by Roy Castle and Cheryl Baker, includes an attempt on a high-jump Guinness record. **6.30** **Neighbours** (1)

**6.50** **Six O'Clock News** with Nicholas Witchell and Mike Smart: Weather

**6.55** **TV** **News**

**7.00** **Wogan.** On tonight's guest list are Sarah Greene and Mike Smith

**7.40** **Special Thank.** Les Dawson's guests are Rachel Bell, Frank Curney, Suzanne Dando, Bill Gaunt, Tom Pepper and Sheila Scott

**8.15** **Twenty-Two Years of the Two Ronnies.** Messrs Corbett and Barker's personality selected clips from their programmes over the years. **(Costax)**

**8.50** **Nine O'Clock News** with Maryn Lewis and Mike Smart: Weather

**9.30** **Costax.** A 10-year-old boy is admitted with burns after falling a bonfire during a squabble over fireworks. **(Costax)**

**10.00** **Hill: The Prince of Wales.** A Vision of Britain. **(see Choice)**

**11.30** **Film:** Cuba (1979) starring Sean Connery and Brooke Adams. Drama, set in Cuba in December 1959 during the heat wave of the Batista regime, about Dapex, a mercenary who arrives in Havana to teach poorly-trained troops in counter-surviving methods. Directed by the terminally ill Castro revolution Dapex becomes involved in vice, corruption and the with the wife of a wealthy cigar manufacturer. Directed by R. B. Lewis

**1.30am** **Weather**

**6:00** TV-one begins with News and The Morning Programme introduced by Kathy Richardson; 7:00 News followed by Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris; 8:00 News; 9:00 News and Weecstasy with Timmy Mallett.

**9:25** Runaway. Travel and general knowledge quiz with Mike Scott and his team; 10:00 The Times... The Place... Mike Scott chairs a discussion on runaway children.

**10:40** This Morning. Magazine series presented by John Farnham and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes financial advice for women at 11:00; and, at 11:45, Jan Lemsing investigates political parties. Plus, a special news at 10:55 and regional news at 11:55.

**12:10** Rainbow. Learning with puppets (P). 12:25 Santa Barbara.

**1:00** The Bill. With Julie Somerville. 1:20 Thema news and weather. 1:30 Casting Off. The fourth and final part of the comedy about a group of five children who start a co-operative business.

**2:00** The Bill (P). 2:55 Home Country Club. Roundtable Play (P).

**3:00** Take the High Road. Lady Elton's Christmas special. Thema news and weather. 3:30 Sons and Daughters.

**4:00** Scooby Doo. Cartoon series.

**4:15** A-Z Crash a Grape. Slapstick comedy series. 4:45 Freezone presented by Andi Peters.

**5:15** Blockbusters.

**5:45** News with Flora Armstrong.

**6:15** Friday News Introduced by Prem Royle. Includes an investigation into stress levels of London drivers; how far motorists have to drive to get to work; why there is a "men" gap; a look at the asbestos industry; and a check on Eating Council's guide to good and services available after a nuclear disaster.

**7:30** Family Fortunes. Game show.

**7.30 Me & My Girl.** Comedy series starring Richard O'Sullivan and Tim Brooke-Taylor. This week: Sam and Dawn in a love war and maintaining a sultry silence. How will he react when he is told his partner has missed an account payment of £5,000?

**8.00 Beauty and the Beast.** Musicals—beast, beast, beast! A beauty of prosecuting attorney and her friend and protector, a half-man, half-beast who lives a supernatural life under the streets of New York. Starring Liza Minnelli, Ron Perlman and Roy Dotrice

**9.00 A Taste For Death.** Murder mystery, based on the novel by P. D. James, about the death of a young woman. An amateur sleuth interviews the dead man's household to ascertain whether the death was murder or suicide and becomes interested by a man who seems to have been the man's confidante. She becomes frightened and disappears. Starring Roy Marsden, Wendy Huler and Fionnula Flanagan.

**10.00 News at Ten** with Sandy Gall and Carol Barnes **10.30 LWT Weather**

**10.35 The London Programme: City Sector.** The DTI undersecretary Francis Maude is questioned on the problems of catering the insider dealers.

**1.05 The Triangle Era (1972),** starring Oliver Reed and Glenda Jackson. Drama, adapted from an H. E. Bates novel, set during the Second World War about an American deserter who has an affair with a woman and an unorthodox relationship with the farming wife of a prisoner-of-war in Japan. Directed by Michael Apté

**1.09 Night Network** includes news of the 1988 Commonwealth Games. Guest: Art Noise; and a review of the week's music presented by Bob Dylan

**4.00 Baseball '88.** Boston Red Sox v Oakland Athletics

**5.00** **Outstanding News.** Ends at 6.00.

**7.00** *Blake* starring Phil Silvers (b/w)  
(r)

**7.30** *The House Home*  
refurbishment series

**8.00** *The Friday Report: Intensive*  
*Caring*. A documentary examining  
the care available to premature  
babies. (see Variations for other  
titles in programme)

**8.30** *First Times Garden*. A new  
series for keen gardeners.  
(Coefax)

**8.50** *A Gentleman's Club*. Last of  
the comedy series.

**9.30** *Protecting the Children*. The  
work of one of the NSPCC's Child  
Protection teams

**10.10** *The Borodin Quartet Play*.  
Tchaikovsky. The Second String  
Quartet in F major

**10.50** *Newsnight* including a  
discussion on tonight's *Omnibus*  
programme 11.45 *Weather*,  
11.50 *Starz-Sudden Fear* (1952, b/w)  
starring Joan Crawford and Jack  
Palance. A dramatic about a  
young actor who is turned down  
for a leading role by the play's  
author. He plots a bizarre  
revenge. Directed by David

**1.30 School.**  
**1.40 The Parliament Programme**  
**1.50** **Rambling Home**  
**2.00** **On Course.** Magazine series for Open College learners  
**2.00** **Film: Strangers When We Meet** (1950) starring Kirk Douglas and Kim Novak. Romantic drama about a successful architect who has an affair with his unhappily married next-door neighbour. Directed by Richard Quinlan.  
**4.10** **Film: Punch Drunks** (1934, b/w) starring the Three Stooges. Prize fighting comedy. Directed by Lou Breslow  
**4.30** **Fifteen to One.** Quiz game  
**5.00** **Scarecrow and Mr. Zog.** The two agents go in search for a ruthless killer who has stolen a quantity of deadly nerve gas.  
**5.55** **Murru Buchstanzengur.** Cartoon series  
**6.30** **Life at Newcastle University** (p. Oracole)  
**7.00** **Channel 4 News** with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen includes a report from France on the effect of deregulation on television advertising. Weather

**EL 4**

**7.55 Book Choice.** John Grigg reviews the first volume of the official biography of Harold Macmillan by Alistair Horne. (Oracles)

**1.00 Irish Reel: Learning to Lose?** (See Choice)

**1.00 The Golden Girls.** Award-winning comedy series (Oracles)

**3.50 A Houshold of Plants.** Buying and keeping plants in the home.

**0.00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?** Adb comedy from John Sessions, Clive Anderson and their guests Graham Garden, George McGrath and Jan Ravens

**1.30 The Last Resort.** The guests include Sandra Bernhard, Ian Kelly and John Legend.

**1.20 Highway to Paradise.** Entertainment from the north of England and Scotland

**1.00 Film: Feet Angels (1980)** starring Fannysh Scott and John Givers. The story of an overweight couple, who have been courting by letter, whose romance becomes complicated when they arrange to meet one another.

**Special Manual**  
**Summer's Ends 1.1-1.10.**

try Practice 1.20 News 1.30  
loom 2.00-3.00 Flaps to PA  
4.00 The You're Done?

**HTV WEST** As London except 1.50pm-5.00pm  
**News 1.30-3.30** Film: Park Plaza  
**News 5.00-5.30** 5.00-7.00 Your 5.00-5.30  
**5.30 Flashback** for the First 11.00  
**Scene 70** 11.30s Kiosk 12.30-2.00s Film  
**News 2.00-2.30** 2.30-3.00s News 3.00-3.30s  
**Wales This Week** 4.00-5.00s JobInfo

**HTV WALES** As HTV West  
**News 1.30-3.30** 3.30-5.00s News 5.00-5.30  
**7.00 Wales at Six** 10.00-11.00s The Divided Kingdom 11.00-11.30s MovieMatters

**SCOTTISH** As London except 1.50pm-5.00pm  
**News 1.30-3.30** Film: in the Dog  
**News 5.00-5.30** 5.00-7.00s Your 5.00-5.30  
**Scotland Today** 8.00-9.00s Tides the  
**High Road** 10.30s Scotland Friday Extra  
**News 11.00-11.30** 11.30-12.00s News 12.00-12.30s  
**5.00s Night Network** 4.00-5.00s James  
**White Radio Show**

**TSW** As London except 1.50pm-5.00pm  
**News 1.30** And the World was  
**Good 5.00-5.30** A Country Pursued  
**News 5.00-5.30** 5.00-7.00s Your 5.00-5.30  
**10.30s Inter Play** 11.00-11.00s Film  
**The Next Man** 1.00pm James White Radio  
**News 1.30-1.50** 1.50-2.00s Your 5.00-5.30  
**9.00s** 9.00-9.30s

**TVS** As London

to Crest 6.40-7.00 Time Out 7.30-7.35  
 Hunter 1-1.30 Politics Square 12.00  
 1-1.30 The 19th Annual Newsweek 4.30  
 Feeding South 4.35-5.00 Jack  
 Thompson Down Under

**TYNE TEES** As London  
 except 1-1.30 News  
 News 1-3.30 Survival of the Fittest  
 2.40-3.30 Falcon Crest 7.30-7.40  
 8.00-8.30 The 19th Annual Newsweek 4.30  
 11.05-11.30 Murphy's War 1.00-1.30  
 James White Radio Show 3.00-3.30 Night  
 News 12.00-12.30

**ULSTER** As London  
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 3.00 Charlie's 4.00-4.30 The  
 Young Doctors 6.30-7.30 Tonight  
 8.00-8.30 Robert 10.00-10.30 Winans  
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 Radio Show 3.00-3.30 Night News  
 4.00-4.30 Rouse 4.30-5.00

**YORKSHIRE** As London  
 except 1-1.30 News  
 4.00 The Young Doctors  
 1.30-3.30 Film: The Brave Don't Cry  
 6.00-6.30 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Living It  
 7.00-7.30 The 19th Annual Newsweek 4.30  
 12.00-12.30 Kojak 1.00-1.30 James White  
 Radio Show 3.00-3.30 Night News 4.00-4.30  
 Rouse 4.30-5.00

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Piano Concerto in  
flat (K 450), With  
Roberts (piano) (r)  
**10.30** Brahms's Clarinet Solo  
Andrew Mannner (clarinet)  
Alan Gray (piano)  
Sonatas in F minor, Op  
No 1; and in E flat Op  
No 2 (r)  
**11.30** Halls Orchestra: Stanley  
Hawes's musical conduct  
Wagner's Overture to  
Tannhäuser; Penderecki  
Violin Concerto; and  
Schubert's 'Sextet' for  
4 in D minor. With  
Christiane Edinger (viola)  
12.15 Interval reading  
**1.00**  
**1.05** Chamber Music from  
Manchester: Live. Mu  
of the Royal Exchange  
perform Allan's Concert  
Chambers in C minor  
Op 10 No 2; Dvorak's  
Waltzes, Op 54 Nos 1  
4; and Mendelssohn's


gno:	Romantic Period (19th cen- tury); Ferguoso, 19th cen- tury
es:	Sonata No. 2 in F-sharp minor (Op. 10); and M. Op. (Serenade in B flat, wind instruments. K. includes a section on talks to Paul Spicer work
IN	9.45 Not Palmer, but Hur- len Pascoe, With John Balcon, Diana O'Brien, Birch, David Steu- Robertson and Zelaia (See Chorus)
L	10.45 Rossini: Camerata under Thomas Furr String Sonata in C
ans	11.00 Composers of the Vi- Howard Fergus, and Gerald Fitch, Fergus (Overture for an Occa- Op. 16; Discovery, C. and Amore Langued Fitz (Eclogue for piano and string or- (?)
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**LIVE** (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF  
**5.55** Shipping Forecast  
**6.00** Independent Radio Weather  
**6.10** Farming Today **6.25**  
Prayer for the Day (s)  
**7-9** Today, Inc! **6.30**, **7.00**,  
**7.30** and **8.00** on VHF  
**6.35**, **7.05** Weather **6.35**  
**7.05** Yesterday in Parliament  
**6.50** News  
**6.55** Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Michael Foot, MP (s) (t)  
**6.55** Farmers: In the last series, Janet Mills talked to Terry Brooks, the first Milky Bar Kid of the Sunday Express advertisement  
**7.00** News; International  
**7.05** Morning Star: The Man in the Mirror by Mark Patrick, Read by Peter Outlying  
**7.10** Daily Service (t)  
**7.10** News; Analysis: After the General, Following Blair's death in August, John Key examines Pakistan's growing problems of ethnic violence as social conflict and looks at the country's prospects (t)  
**7.15** Children's Islands: Children's book programme with Penelope Lively reports on encyclopedias and Nicholas Brown from Sussex University, and Mary Worrall, from Oxford University Press, discuss the future of reference books for children  
**7.20** News: You and Yours with John Waters reports on a broadcast written for the Amateur Swimming Association and the Amateur Women's Water Polo team.  
**7.25** The Food Programme with Robert Crompton **7.25**  
Desserts  
**1.00** The World at One  
**1.00** The Archers (t) **1.55**  
Shipping Forecast  
**2.00** News: Woman's Hour from Newcastle discusses exploitation in campaign photography; plus a body-building comes look at body building with Donna Harcourt; an interview on gender and cancer in children, and the effects of home sickness on university students  
**3.00** News: Election by Don Taylor, with Bernard Hepton as Oliver Cromwell. Part four of a 12-part series: Summer Memories (s)

**4.00** News  
**4.05** Wilko's Weekly: In the last of the series Tony Wilkins looks at the Hamptons Chronicle, a newspaper that reflects the huge social changes going on around the town of Winchester  
**4.30** Kaleidoscope (t)  
**4.50** PM: With Graham Clough and Frances Goodall  
**5.55** Weather  
**6.00** Six O'Clock News; First Report  
**6.05** Good Places: Give Clough and the team with travel and transport news  
**7.00** News  
**7.05** The Archers  
**7.15** Pick of the Week: Margaret Howard with highlights of the past week's television and radio programmes (s)  
**8.20** Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby in discussion. Interviewed with Chris Patten, MP, Minister for Overseas Air, John Hume, MP: Harold Macmillan, MP, and Care Short MP  
**8.05** Law in Action: Marcel Barthelemy presents the news and views about the court, the law and our legal system  
**8.10** Letters from America by Alistair Cooke  
**8.25** Kaleidoscope reports on messages of contemporary British singers as delivered by artists such as Billy Bragg, Leonard Cohen and Michelle Shocked, and concerns the songs of the Eighties with those of earlier decades  
**10.15** A Book at Bedtime: No Surrender by Robert Harrison (s of 10) **10.25**  
Weather  
**10.30** The World Tonight  
**11.00** Today in Parliament  
**11.15** The Financial World Tonight  
**11.35** World Ending: Sentimental review of the week provided by Sally Groves, David Tate, Ben Wallis and Royce Mills (s)  
**12.00** News Int'l **12.30** Weather  
**12.35** Shipping Forecast  
**VHF** as above except: **11.00** AM Search **11.30** Skyline **11.40** Search **11.50** Playtime **11.55** Mavis Bates **1.05** 555 pm For School **1.35** Joining Corner **2.5** Let's Live with Southcoast **2.55** The Song Time **2.40** The Friday Session **5.55** 6.35 PM Contests **12.00** 10 AM Schools Night-Time: Our Changing World - Issues, For and Against **12.30** Special Berridge **12.50** Forestry in Scotland

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 105.3kHz/265m/100kHz/275m/VHF 50-60.2 kHz; Radio 2: 69.3kHz/433m/900kHz/330m/VHF 59-90.2 kHz; Radio 3: 121.5kHz/267m/VHF 90-92.5 kHz; Radio 4: 198.9kHz/1715m/VHF 92-95, LMS 1152kHz/267m/VHF 92-93, Capital: 154.8kHz/194m/VHF 95-95.5, Greater London Radio



**CHOICE**

**Jill Balcon:** on a trip down memory lane (R3, 9.45p)

● In a cheerless play, *Painter, but Hunter* (Rady, 9.45pm), Alan Pascoe tells his three principal characters down memory lane. Not them, though, the weaving the blissful dreams of long (George Cope's) of long reviews. Sweet Genevieve. For these two sisters Balcon and Diana Ols who once sat for Renoir, for their visitor (Kate Bink whose father did like memory is — and I quote like a cemetery in which can no longer read the engraved names on the gravestones. Renoir himself, flash-back, takes an even earlier view of memory. He is it to a garden spot, soiled passing dog. Yet memory not go away ("I keep forgetting that old b... Monet is alive," groans the physically disintegrating Renoir) and play squeezes the lemon memory until the pipes squish.

It begins with one of women wondering whether life, it might be better to know things as they are. Carry line of thought too far most of literature, and particularly all of drama, will self-born. It would certainly mean that there would be plays like *Not Painter, Hunter*. And that would be deprived us of an intriguing hour of radio theatre.

**Peter Dinklage**

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● A call for roadside exhaust tests for motorcycles came yesterday from the National Society for Clean Air, following an increasing number of complaints about noise.

the rescue boat, said: "The wind was about 18 knots and Blue Arrow hit a large wave as it came back and before being dismasted for the winter. The moment it hit, instead of coming out as normal, it continued in and the boat somersaulted right forward, throwing everybody into the water. The mast had broken loose and was floating alongside the sails. The two keels were pointing up into the air and the front 14ft of the bow had snapped off. It was a pretty dramatic moment — up until then we had been having near-perfect runs." The 80ft mast was holed in two places, he said, but the pencil-thin 65ft craft could be repaired for export to London. Guest Show, Peter Allan, another crewman said: "It was frightening for a few seconds when the boat began to break up but once we were in the water it was just a question of counting heads to check that everyone was OK before saving what gear we could."

Mr Kinnock told MPs that BAe had bought RO at a give-away price and stood to make a huge killing from re-developing RO sites. He demanded to

In the light of those claims the accounts committee has decided to reopen its inquiry and has asked the

Yesterday's unanimous accounts committee report criticized the Mol for not having looked at obtaining planning permission for redeveloping the sites before selling them, and for not obtaining an alternative valuation based on the assumption that planning permission could be obtained.

He said the MoD had acted on sound professional advice and had obtained £90 more than merchant bankers Rothschilds originally anticipated.

have a cigarette, old man, and let me explain: my friend the Chancellor has a very nasty temper, frankly I'm as scared as you of what he might do to

Parliament, page 10  
Leading article, page 12

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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1502.6 (-0.8)	US dollar 1.7690 (+0.0095)
FT-SE 100 1852.1 (+1.4)	W. German mark 3.1373 (+0.0143)
USM (Dallas) 162.10 (+0.12)	Trade-weighted 76.3 (+0.3)

# THE TIMES

FRIDAY OCTOBER 28 1988

**PART 2**  
BUSINESS AND FINANCE 23-31  
SPORT 36-40

## Executive Editor David Brewerton ICI jumps by 11%

Imperial Chemical Industries made £347 million pre-tax in the third quarter, up 11 per cent on a year ago. Nine-month profits of £1,130 million rose 13 per cent, despite sterling's strength, costing £100 million in lost profit.

Sales rose 9 per cent by volume but 5 per cent in sterling value on currency movements and poor fertilizer trading in Britain. Earnings per share rose 15 per cent in the nine months to 99.7p, figures were in line with forecasts but shares slipped to 1054p. **Comment, page 25**

## EHP adds to Spain outlets

European Home Products is to take over the electrical goods and photographic departments in all 29 of Moutleigh Group's Spanish operation, Galerías Preciados, in a move which should boost its total group Spanish sales from £55 million to £100 million this year. The entry cost is £2.4 million net. **Temps, page 24**

## Redland rise

Redland, the international building materials group, made a pre-tax profit of £88.2 million in the half year to end-June. Redland is changing its year end from March to December, so this compares with restated interim profits for 1987 of £66.6 million. An interim dividend of 6.25p was declared. **Temps, page 24**

## STOCK MARKETS

New York	Dow Jones	2141.54 (-23.84)
Tokyo	Nikkei Average	2772.52 (+102.32)
Hong Kong		2817.25 (+4.88)
Amsterdam	Gen	285.8 (-0.2)
Sydney	AO	1863.7 (+3.5)
Frankfurt		1841.8 (+14.1)
Brussels		5343.0 (-4.3)
Paris	CAC	392.2 (+0.9)
Zurich	SDA	495.4 (-2.5)
London		
FT-30		1852.1 (+1.4)
FT-100		1852.1 (+1.4)
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FT-8000		1852.1 (+1.4)
FT-9000		1852.1 (+1.4)
FT-10000		1852.1 (+1.4)

## MAIN PRICE CHANGES

Beef	204p (+33p)
Wm Low	855p (+10p)
St. Stephen	222p (+10p)
Brown & Tawse	222p (+10p)
Cannon Street	222p (+10p)
Conder Group	222p (+10p)
Telephone Rentals	222p (+10p)
Nat Home Loans	222p (+10p)
A. Kewell	222p (+10p)
Unidra	222p (+10p)
SUD Group	222p (+10p)
Bent Walker	222p (+10p)
Pearson	222p (+10p)
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FT-9000	1852.1 (+1.4)
FT-10000	1852.1 (+1.4)

## INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	12%
3-month interbank	12 1/4-12 1/2%
3-month eligible bills	11 1/4-11 1/2%
US Prime Rate	10%
Federal Funds	8 1/4%
3-month Treasury Bills	7.37-7.38%
30-year bonds	10 1/2-10 3/4%

## CURRENCIES

London	New York
£/\$	\$1.7707
£/DM	DM1.7735
£/Sfr	Sfr1.4835
£/FF	FF16.0530
£/Yen	Yen225.50
£/Ind	Ind35.0
£/ECU	ECU20.859715
£/SDR	SDR20.780474

## GOLD

London Fixing	AM \$407.15 PM \$407.50
Close	\$407.50-408.00 (\$230.25-230.75)
New York	Comex \$407.50-408.00

## NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec)	pm \$12.45bbl (\$12.30)
Discount	lowest trading price

## THE TIMES STOCK WATCH

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● Market news on Stock-watch yesterday included: Iceland Frozen Foods (01616) which has made an offer for rival Bejam (02401), which put on 29p and Iceland slipped 10p. ICI (01348) was up 1p on third-quarter figures showing a record profit of £1.13 billion. Redland (02628) increased its interim on last time and its shares were up 4p.

● Recent additions include: the Chieftrain Group 03481, Raci Telecommunications 03479.

● Calls closed 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

# Sterling rises on £1bn boost for trade gap

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Britain's balance of payments deficit in September turned out to be nearly £1 billion lower than expected. The deficit on the current account was £560 million, compared with £1.31 billion the previous month.

City analysts had been revising up their estimates of the deficit earlier in the week because of last month's postal strike, so the surprise was all the greater. The pound closed against the dollar at \$1.7690, up 0.9 of a cent.

Closer analysis of the figures suggests that most of the improvement could be attributed to special factors of one sort or another. Trade in diamonds was particularly favourable, and the erratic items accounted for £580 million of the improvement between the two months.

The Treasury said there was also some uncertainty over the seasonal adjustment of the figures. September has shown a favourable trade pattern for a number of years.

The Department of Trade and Industry said it had tried to compensate for the effect of the postal strike in delaying export data by including information received two days after the normal closing date. This added £200 to £250 million to the original total. Imports were not affected because 90 per cent of import documentation is computerized.

Despite the windfall element in the figures, Government officials welcomed the strong improvement in exports. In September the volume of exports, excluding erratic items, rose more than twice as fast as imports at nearly 10 per cent.

Taking the third quarter as a whole, however, imports still rose faster. Excluding oil and erratics, they rose by 7 1/2 per cent to 15 per cent above a year earlier, compared with a 5 per cent rise in exports on the same basis to a level 6 per cent above a year earlier. Mr Bill Martin, of Phillips and Drew, said: "These figures do not really alter the broad pattern. We are still expecting a deficit of about £14 billion this year."

Exports rose during September from £6.75 billion to £7.56 billion, seasonally adjusted, and imports from £8.56 billion to £8.62 billion. The deficit on visible trade fell from £1.81 billion to £1.06 billion and, after an estimated surplus of £500 million on invisible trade on services and financial flows, the current account deficit fell from £1.31 billion to £560 million.

The current account deficit for the third quarter as a whole was £4.03 billion, compared with £2.91 billion in the second quarter and £2.84 billion in the first. In the first three-quarters of the year, the deficit totalled £9.78 billion.

Imports of capital goods continued high rising 9 1/2 per cent in the third quarter, excluding erratic items. But there was little sign of any cooling of demand for consumer goods with consumer imports also rising 9 1/2 per cent.

## Debt concern

US markets were unsettled by suggestions by Mr Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, that Congress should review tax laws to discourage the growing volume of debt associated with takeovers. Wall Street fell more than 30 points in the first hour, over developments on leveraged buyouts. **Wall Street, page 24**

# UK companies may join in record bidding for Nabisco

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Shearson Lehman Hutton yesterday accelerated its search for major partners, possibly including British companies, to help finance its bid for RJR Nabisco, even as Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, its main rival, began a \$20.5 billion (£11.6 billion) tender offer for the food and tobacco company.

The record KKR offer stopped just short of becoming a hostile bid as it remained contingent on a friendly agreement with Nabisco, despite the management's decision to break off all negotiations with the firm. KKR, which had no comment on the Nabisco decision, was expected to file a detailed plan of its intentions with the US Securities and Exchange Commission after the markets closed.

Both actions signalled the start to the anticipated battle between the two investment giants. Shearson, which is working closely with Nabisco's management group, led by Mr Ross Johnson, the president, was said to have entered into negotiations with Forstmann Little & Co., KKR's chief competitor in the leveraged buyout arena.

In addition, Shearson could obtain financing from American Express, its parent, and Nippon Life Insurance Co., one of its largest shareholders. There was also speculation that Shearson was talking to other players, possibly including Hanson Industries, which is known to be in the market for another US deal.

Analysts said Shearson had been expected to launch its own offer by the end of the week, but now that KKR had made the first move, it might counter more swiftly. Shearson has never completed a big leveraged buyout, but with the downturn in its retail business it has increased its mergers and acquisitions activity.

Meanwhile, KKR said it had decided to go ahead with its tender offer, despite the fact that Nabisco's management would not join its bid to attain a better competitive position.

The Nabisco management group had said it would terminate all discussions with KKR over the possibility of a joint buyout. Mr Johnson said he did not believe the KKR proposal was in the best interests of the company. He intended to move forward with Shearson on a rival bid designed to maximize shareholder interests.

● Grand Metropolitan has extended its \$60-a-share tender offer for Pillsbury until midnight on November 8.

# Nickson resigns bank post

By Michael Tate, Deputy City Editor

Sir David Nickson, chairman of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, yesterday confirmed that he had resigned from the board of Clydesdale Bank.

He said that he "clearly had no alternative but to resign" after being informed by *The Times* of the involvement of National Australia Bank, Clydesdale's parent company, in the financing arrangements which have been made for the bid by Elders IXL for S&N. NAB has put up £100 million of financing for Elders' hostile £1.6 billion bid.

Meanwhile the Clydesdale hurriedly distanced itself from NAB's actions. Bank officials in Glasgow pointed out that there were key differences between it and the Royal Bank of Scotland, a direct member of the Elders syndicate. The Clydesdale itself had not been involved in financing the bid, it said.

● Elders continued to buy shares on the market, picking up 1 million at prices of around 400p, and lifting its stake to 12.25 per cent.

# S&N chairman embarrassed by Elders link

By Michael Tate, Deputy City Editor

From *The Times* yesterday

# Inspectors criticize Stock Exchange role in Milbury affair

# DTI report hits at top City figures

By Lawrence Lever

Top individuals and institutions in the City are heavily criticized in a Department of Trade report into the affairs of Milbury, the property group which collapsed in 1985.

The Stock Exchange, Arthur Young, the accountancy firm, Weatherall Green & Smith, the chartered surveyor, Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, and Hancock & Willis, a firm of solicitors, are all strongly criticized by the inspectors. Mr Hugh Carlisle QC and Mr Michael Lickiss, an accountant.

The Milbury investigation centred around the activities of Mr Jim Raper, who plundered the company and its subsidiary, Westminster Property, before Milbury's shares were finally suspended in 1985.

Mr Raper is accorded several insults in the report ranging from "Mr Raper is a devious man and his motivation is one of out-and-out self-interest" to "a dominating and unscrupulous man." He is also accorded the standard accolade of being "unfit to be a director of a public company."

The inspectors attack the Stock Exchange for effectively allowing Mr Raper back into the City in 1983 after an earlier condemnation of him by the Takeover Panel, which made clear that no merchant banker or stockbroker should deal for him. "We have to say that we were misimpressed by the professionalism of the senior members (of the Stock Exchange) in question," the inspectors conclude.

Although not overtly referred to in the report's conclusions, the inspectors highlight the role played by several prominent City figures in the 1983 "reconciliation" with Mr Raper.

These include Mr Patrick Mitford-Stade and Mr Charles Eglington, then deputy chairmen of the Stock Exchange, Sir Jasper Holman, then chairman of the Takeover Panel, and Mr Robin Stommonth-Darling, then joint chairman of the Stock Exchange's Quotations Committee.

"Of all those involved with the relis-



Hitting back at critics: a beleaguered Lord Young at 10 Downing Street yesterday

# Young defends mergers

By Colin Narbrough

Lord Young, the Trade and Industry Secretary, yesterday sought to defend his record on merger rulings in the past six months as wholly consistent with stated policy that the main criterion is the impact on competition in Britain.

Lord Young, clearly rattled by charges that referral decisions had been unpredictable and inconsistent against leveraged bids, and even protectionist where foreign predators were involved, said his policy showed a "remarkable degree of consistency."

In a speech to the Stock Exchange conference, he underlined that such decisions could not be reduced to a simple arithmetical formula based on market shares. His referral to the Monopolies Commission of the South African-controlled Mincro's £2.9 billion bid for Consolidated Gold Fields had been based on a world market, but made on competition grounds alone.

The test had not been how much of the companies' businesses came from titanium and zircon, operations peripheral to their main activities.

"What was of concern to me is not the interests of the companies involved, nor of the new group, but the effect the new arrangements would have on the consumer in the UK."

Lord Young said the effect of the bid could be to reduce competition. That was not pre-judging the MMC's inquiry. Neither the nationality of the bidder, nor the investigation of possible insider dealing, had any bearing on the referral.

He rejected criticism that the rules which emerged last March from a DTI policy review had in any way been rewritten or abandoned. To look at several referral decisions and draw the conclusion that the DTI was against bids from a particular country, or of a particular type, was "arrant nonsense," Lord Young said. Each merger was different and was considered on its merits within the policy framework.

Emphasizing that he looked at mergers from the view of the British customer, not that of the merging companies, he said the policy was not "saving" companies from predators, or foreign takeovers.

Angered by the costly public lobbying in recent mega-bids, he called on people seeking to influence a referral to talk to the OFT, not to him.

Amid all the cases of consistency he cited a "truly exceptional one" - the Kuwait Investment Office's stake in BP.

# Pernod 'in breach of Code'

By Graham Searjeant

The fate of Irish Distillers Group was thrown back into the melting pot last night, when the City Takeover Panel's executive ruled that Pernod-Ricard and IDG had breached the Takeover Code by putting pressure on individual shareholders to accept a punitive 1r50p (38p) per share bid over the weekend of September 3-4.

But the Panel executive, which is clearly anxious about the politically sensitive nature of the takeover struggle in Ireland, has referred to the full Panel the question of what remedies, if any, should be applied.

The point at issue is whether all or some of the shareholders who gave irrevocable acceptances should be released from them, in which case most would certainly prefer the 1r525p per share rival bid from Grand Metropolitan.

Irish Distillers immediately appealed against the Panel's decision that there were breaches of the Code, and the full Panel will consider both the appeal and the consequences of the breaches as soon as possible.

The Dublin Court ruled last week that a verbal agreement by FII-Pfiffs, which owns 20 per cent of IDG, to accept irrevocably Pernod's offer was a legal contract. This ruling also covered Irish Life, which owned 10 per cent. FII is appealing.

# Bond becomes biggest Lonrho shareholder

By Colin Narbrough

Mr Alan Bond, the Australian entrepreneur, has overtaken Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland as the biggest shareholder in Lonrho, the international trading group, and is believed to be pressing for a seat on the board.

An announcement yesterday said that since last week the Bond Corporation had increased its stake in Lonrho by a further 5 per cent to 20 per cent. The stake is estimated to have cost Mr Bond about £300 million. Mr Rowland's holding was last given at between 15 and 16 per cent.

On the stock market Lonrho shares ended the day at 375.5p, down 6.5p from the day's best.

It is understood that Mr Bond has been seeking discussions with Mr Rowland, the Lonrho chief executive, about future relations, including a seat on the board.

Although the market remains unconvinced by Mr Rowland's recent claim that the group's shares were worth 800p, Mr Bond is looking not to lose money on his shares, and is clearly convinced they will rise.

# Iceland launches £253m 'ice war'

By Wolfgang Manchan

Britain's two leading freezer food store groups were locked in a fierce takeover battle last night, after Iceland Frozen Foods Holdings' £253 million hostile bid for Bejam.

The frostiness between the two sides was underlined immediately by a declaration from Mr Malcolm Walker, the Iceland chairman, that all Bejam directors would have to leave if his bid succeeded.

Iceland is offering 41 new Iceland ordinary shares and 60 convertible preferences shares of 20p for every 100 Bejam shares, valuing Bejam's shares at 200p. It is effectively a reverse takeover, since Bejam shareholders could end with 61.3 per cent of the enlarged Iceland equity.

Bejam shares soared 33p to 204 1/2p on the news, while Iceland fell 10p to 333p, reflecting the proposed issue of 51.6 million shares. The market expects Iceland to sweeten its bid although some industry analysts have warned that earnings would be diluted in that case.

Bejam last night rejected the offer and advised shareholders to take no action, but was not prepared to make any further comment. Mr John Aphorpe, the Bejam chairman, speaks for 30 per cent of the company, so Iceland needs the support of 73 per cent of the rest.

Mr Walker claimed Bejam's senior management lacked retail experience and was underperforming in a fast-growing market.

Iceland, traditionally strong in the North, believes the southern-based Bejam would be a snog fit. It has 183 stores, against Bejam's 267.

If successful, Iceland will sell off Victor Value, Bejam's supermarket chain.

The bid would dilute the holding of Mr Walker and three of his fellow directors - they own 41 per cent of Iceland's equity - to 12 per cent. Ironically, Mr Aphorpe, if he accepted the offer, would emerge as Iceland's largest shareholder with a stake of 20 per cent.

Iceland made its first approach in May 1987 and tried again last May, but Bejam refused to talk.

Iceland yesterday produced a forecast of pre-tax profits of £8.8 million, up from £7.2 million, on turnover up 33 per cent to £205 million.

Although Bejam and Iceland are the leading specialist frozen foods chains, a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission is unlikely as the combined company would account for only 14 per cent of the total British market in frozen foods, just behind Sainsbury.



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# Barlow Clowes investors in strongest challenge to DTI

By Lawrence Levy

Alexander Tatham, the solicitors' firm acting for Barlow Clowes investors, yesterday released a 50-page report which provides the strongest challenge so far to the Government's conclusion that it behaved reasonably over the licensing and monitoring of the crashed investment group.

The document is an analysis of Sir Godfrey Le Quesne's report into Barlow Clowes published last week.

Alexander Tatham concludes that "even on the most sympathetic reading" of Sir Godfrey's report, it is "unable to bridge the gap between the information provided by the report" and the Government's

claim that the Department of Trade acted reasonably in relation to Barlow Clowes.

It says Sir Godfrey's report shows:

- Periods of delay for which there is no, or no reasonable, explanation.
- A failure to heed, or take sufficient account of, a lengthy series of warnings from unimpeachable sources (such as the Stock Exchange and the Bank of England).
- A failure to use the legal remedies available, either at all or with sufficient expedition.
- That the DTI was too much influenced by the fear that if it refused or revoked Barlow

Clowes' licence its actions would be challenged by judicial review in the courts.

The Alexander Tatham document criticises the DTI for assuming that it was unlikely that Barlow Clowes was being mismanaged if its investors had not made complaints — "We find the DTI's reasoning difficult to understand because it is almost axiomatic that whenever there is mismanagement within the running of an investment company, the investors themselves are the last to know."

It adds that the DTI placed too much weight on the calibre of Barlow Clowes' professional advisers. "The

DTI wrongly confused the calibre of the applicant with the calibre of their advisers whereas there is not necessarily any connection between the two."

The Government's argument that it could not have known the offshore operations of Barlow Clowes was selling to UK investors and therefore needed a DTI licence is also given short shrift.

Alexander Tatham points to a passage in the Le Quesne report which shows that a DTI official, when applying in a personal capacity to Barlow Clowes in December 1983, received a leaflet selling an offshore portfolio.

## Buoyant business doubles NHLC

Pre-tax profits at National Home Loans Corporation, the mortgage lending company, more than doubled from £11.1 million to £23.1 million for the year to September 30, on buoyant mortgage business.

The dividend was raised from 5.64p to 7.01p, representing 60 per cent of distributable earnings.

NHLC said the home loans market had been extremely competitive during the year, with volatile interest rates and increased activity from building societies. But the company had avoided cutting its margins in order to defend its share of the lending market.

It increased its lending by £1.2 billion during the year to £2 billion under management and issued five mortgage-backed securities.

It has been talking to several European groups to help them develop their British mortgage business in the run-up to 1992.

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## COMMENT David Brewerton

# Hard to credit this hunt for the sharks

Here, Tom, how about setting up as a credit broker?

"No good, Dick, we'll never get a licence."

"But Harry said we won't need one."

Harry is right. The reality of the "crackdown on loan sharks" announced this week by Francis Maude, Minister for Corporate Affairs, is that any old Tom, Dick or Harry will be able to pound the pavements or stand on his used-car lot, offering loans on whatever terms he can get away with.

In one sense, the proposals recognize the existing situation. At present brokers arranging loans are required to have a licence under the Consumer Credit Act. But licence-holders do not need to have their licences renewed for 15 years after their first issue. The licensing system only started in 1976 so some brokers have never had to have their fitness scrutinized.

However, the system is widely acknowledged to be inadequate. It is not unless there are complaints to trading standards officers that they will come to the notice of the authorities. So most brokers are effectively operating without vetting, even if they have a piece of paper described as a credit licence. There is even the danger that brokers will use the licence as an advertising gimmick — "licensed credit brokers", they can proclaim.

Although brokers arranging loans of up to £15,000 will in future not have to be licensed, Maude plans to give the Office of Fair Trading the right to shut down those who are believed to be acting improperly. He also says that lenders (who will still need licences) will have their own licences threatened if their brokers are acting improperly.

It is the brokers who are responsible for most of the aggressive advertising of "consolidation" loans to repay off other debts, frequently marketed to people already deep in trouble. The cost of these loans is often increased by arrangement fees running into thousands, and usually the loans are secured on the borrower's home.

There will be a register of businesses who have licences refused or revoked, and any broker with a bad record will be required to apply for a licence. If ever there was a case of shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted it is this, because it appears there will be nothing to prevent the incompetent, unskilled and probably the dishonest from opening broking businesses.

At a time when there is such a huge protective umbrella being erected over investors through the Financial Services Act, it seems an act of folly to leave the least sophisticated borrowers at the mercy of the sharks until at least some of them have been eaten alive.

## Market ignores ICI virtues

In the old days, ICI used to be tagged as the bellwether of the British economy. Now that sales in Britain account for only a quarter of the business, this can scarcely be true. Yet the shares are still treated as the playing of macro-economic numbers. If the pound goes up or there are fears over growth, ICI goes out of favour.

That has been happening steadily this year, while each quarter ICI continues to meet brokers' ever-increasing profit forecasts. The seasonally poor third quarter was right in line at £347 million. Unless the brokers are wildly out for the last three months of the year, therefore, ICI should make £1.47 billion to £1.5 billion for the full year. That would rate the shares at eight times 1988 earnings, about a quarter below the market average.

ICI is performing despite the problems, including losses in fertilizers at home, where group sales have been stagnant, losses on translation of overseas profits of about £50 million, and another £50 million of margin and export problems due to the strength of the pound. In those

circumstances, growth of 15 per cent in earnings per share is not bad.

Ironically, the boom areas have been bulk chemicals, petrochemicals and plastics, where ICI has had a hard time for years both in the UK and Germany. Sterling's rise against the dollar has helped here, because much of the feedstocks are bought in dollars, while the goods are sold in pounds or EMS currencies, against which sterling has risen less. The fallout from the slump has helped too, with some capacity knocked out and investment reined back.

Indeed, ICI is more typical of British business than British economics. It has slimmed traditional businesses — fertilizers are being rationalized again — expanded more specialized ones such as pharmaceuticals and paints, and grown in the US by complex acquisitions such as Stauffer. What is good for ICI is no longer necessarily good for Britain, but that should come as a relief to patient shareholders. In the market, ICI, like so many big companies, is becoming relatively cheaper as its shares stagnate while earnings continue to boom.

## New rules may delay results of takeovers

By Graham Searjeant  
Financial Editor

It could take an extra day to learn the result of big, close-fought takeover battles under new rules drawn up by the City Takeover Panel to ensure there is no confusion about the outcome.

The tightening of rules stems from a study set up after the debacle in February, when Blue Circle claimed to have won control of Birmid Quilcast, only to find later that some shares had been counted twice, and the bid had narrowly failed.

Confusion usually arises from shares which have been bought and sold in the last days of a bid battle, when it is not clear whether some or all of a holding has been assented to the offer.

Under new rules:

- The bidding company's receiving agent for acceptances (normally a clearing bank) will be responsible for adding up the number of shares the bidding company owns or has bought, as well as acceptances, and cross-checking them.
- Where there have been deals late in the bid period, the accepting agent must check that they are, as the rule puts it, "up to registration standard". This may mean double-checking purchase documents with the matching sale documents, which can take an extra day.
- The receiving agent must then send a certificate of the total of shares owned and valid acceptances to the offeror, the advisers of the company being bid for and the Takeover Panel.

On the final closing day, acceptances must be in by 1pm and under the takeover rules, the result must normally be announced by 5pm. The Panel can issue a dispensation in difficult cases.

## Tie Rack ahead of forecasts



Family ties: Roy Bishko, the chairman, flanked by Gordon Thoday and his sister Felicity, who runs the franchise for Tie Rack in London's Fleet Street (Photograph: Chris Harris)

Tie Rack, the specialist retailer chaired by Mr Roy Bishko, has beaten City predictions by raising pre-tax profits 72 per cent to £374,000 in the 28 weeks to August 14. The shares added 5p to 93p (Martin Waller writes).

Mr Bishko said current trading was satisfactory and he was confident of a strong performance in the full year. Sales growth from £9.55 million to £15.24 million disguised a like-for-like increase of 16 per cent, disregarding the effect of the company's heavy programme of stores openings.

The interim dividend is raised 0.1p to 0.465p. The retail team at Barclays de Zeeuw, the company's broker, is sticking to earlier forecasts of £3.5 million pre-tax in the current year, but is looking for profits growth to be maintained thereafter, with more than £4.5 million next year.

The half-year figures came in ahead of their £350,000 forecast, the broker believes, because of good organic sales growth and because the cost of expanding in the US had not been as great as the company had feared.

## Securiguard branches out

By Michael Clark, Stock Market Correspondent

Securiguard Group, one of Britain's leading security and industrial cleaning groups, has hit the takeover trail with a clutch of acquisitions which take it into the personnel services industry.

In the biggest of the deals, it has bought HeMan Contracts, which supplies tradesmen to the building and civil engineering industries. Securiguard is making an initial

downpayment of £5 million and £500,000 worth of shares. HeMan has achieved compound growth in profits since 1984 of 68 per cent and last year made pre-tax profits of £940,000 on turnover of £12 million.

It has also bought Action Secretaries of London, which supplies secretarial and office personnel. Securiguard has made an initial payment of

£758,000 and says a further payment will be made, depending on the company's profitability.

Finally, it has bought Portman, which supplies contract staff in the secretarial, computing, banking and legal fields.

An initial cash consideration of £500,000 has been paid, with the balance again dependent on results.

## Shipbuilders to review site values

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

British Shipbuilders, in reassessing bids for closure-threatened North East Shipbuilders (NESL) at Sunderland, is expected to look carefully at the potential site values involved.

Whether development valuation of the yards will prove another stumbling block for the four bidders for NESL is not clear. The value of the yards is thought to be variable, depending on the uses that might be applied to them, but property agents in the region estimate the highest possible price at about £7 million.

British Shipbuilders is acting against the background of

the growing dispute over valuations of Royal Ordnance factory sites when they were acquired by British Aerospace as the plants were privatized by the Government.

The bidders for NESL have been given the chance until noon today to revise their offers. Mr Peter Zocchi of the PZ Shipping Company plans to visit British Shipbuilders this morning to discuss possible amendments to his offer which relies on securing a £100 million order from Cuba.

A decision on NESL's fate had been expected this week but Mr Anthony Newton, the

Trade and Industry Minister, opted for postponement to allow additional time for negotiations. A decision is now expected next week. Although the postponement has raised hopes that shipbuilding might continue on Wearside, closure of the yards still looks likely.

There are two yards on either side of the River Wear, covering 120 acres in total. A site on the north bank, the one-time Austin & Pickersgill yard, could, although in an industrial area, have residential or other non-industrial potential, according to regional property agents. Residential land in the area is worth about £100,000 an acre.

But industrial land of this kind along Wearside is worth only about £20,000 an acre because there are so many sites available. Some prime industrial sites bring up to £30,000 an acre.

It means the estimated value of the NESL sites could be between £2.4 million and about £7 million, assuming the south bank yard remains in industrial use. Agents believe this site, slightly larger than the one on the north bank, is unsuitable for residential development.

## Shake-up for HTV's subsidiaries

By Our City Staff

HTV Group, the independent television franchise holder for Wales and the West of England, has restructured its operations.

All subsidiaries — HTV West, HTV Cymru Wales, sales, marketing, production services and the Frost & Reed fine art shop in London's Bond Street — will become free-standing profit centres.

The move is aimed at

identifying which operations are least profitable, while encouraging management to market services more strongly outside the group.

Mr Patrick Dromgoole, the newly-appointed chief executive, said there would be some job losses. The restructuring will take £400,000 off this year's profits. It means programme-making operations could be more easily transferred to a successor company, should

HTV lose the franchise for the area in 1992.

He said he had no reason to believe this would happen "but we don't know what will be needed to win a franchise next time. The very public service elements on which we base our reputation may not be desirable."

The restructuring includes the amicable departure of Mr Tim Knowles, the managing director, to develop his other business interests.

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## Castles and the heir

The worthy citizens of Skipton, the Dales market centre with a population of just 12,000, are waiting today to see what criticism the Prince of Wales may launch at the medieval town's more recent architecture. The Prince was filmed on a visit last March to North Yorkshire for footage for *Omnibus: A Vision of Britain*, which goes out tonight at 10.20 on BBC1. In the programme he talks about his controversial views of the state of Britain's buildings. Although the Prince was in Skipton to see a new shopping development, I am told that when visiting the local castle — which dominates the skyline from a wooded cliff-top — his eye was drawn by the "awful" sight of Skipton Building Society headquarters. As the town's largest employer, the four-storey stone edifice presents a completely blank wall to the fortress. As such, it is deemed by some as suitable only for a son et lumière backdrop for a Cavalier versus Roundheads recreation of the castle's role in the three-year siege it withstood during the Civil War, before it fell to Cromwell's army.

## I see no ships

The latest country wanting to join the list of nations which allows shipowners to register vessels under its flag is Luxembourg. But the EEC's smallest country is landlocked, by Belgium, France

## THE TIMES CITY DIARY

# Tokyo bites the bullet

Fly the executives at Nomura, Daiwa, Nikko and Yamaichi, Japan's top four stockbroking firms. Their traditional year-end bonuses are being cut by up to 20 per cent because profits are not as good as had been hoped, and they want to set an example to be followed by employees lower down the line. The companies say lower stock trading commissions and

sluggish bond trading are to blame. So here are things in the world's most vibrant stock market? Well, Daiwa is expecting pre-tax profits to slump by 23 per cent to ¥225 billion, which is slightly more than £1 billion. Nomura is talking about pre-tax profits of ¥400 billion. Heaven knows what happens when times are really bad.

and West Germany. The Grand Duchy, however, has been not deterred by that small problem, and is proceeding with its plans to introduce a shipping flag as a diversification for its lucrative financial services sector. The powers-that-be hope that overseas shipowners to be drawn to the country by attractive corporation tax concessions. Is the establishment of the Luxembourg Navy to protect the ships far behind?

## Perestroika

Despite, or perhaps because of, Mikhail Gorbachev's attempts to reduce the level of alcoholism in the Soviet Union, Russia may soon become the world's largest wine producer. According to *Sotobey's Wine Encyclopedia*, annual output in the USSR is at present running around 5.3 million bottles. Only Italy, with 10.3 million

bottles, and France, with 10.1 million, produce more. Sotheby's reckons that by the mid-1990s the Russians will be the biggest providers of all. But although the buffets tell me that Georgian wine is quite decent, a British friend, working as a correspondent in Moscow, recently sent a plaintive message: "Demanding the immediate dispatch of a case of French red wine."



## Reporting restricted

Shareholders in TNT may have been thrilled to receive with their copy of the annual report a slip permitting them to opt not to receive such a thing again. The company explains that a recent ruling of the National Companies and Securities Commission in Australia — TNT is an Australian company — allows it to give shareholders the choice of whether to continue to receive the report or not. A similar change here depends on the Government's intentions towards the Companies Bill. But it may also seem more relevant since the recent postal strike, when companies were faced with complying with their statutory obligations, including using the mail to post reports, without the benefit of the service. Such a change would come as a blessing to groups such as British Gas, British Telecom, TSB and BAA, whose shareholder registers are weighed down with people whose dividends are less than the cost of the report they receive and never read. Bad luck, though, on the advertising agencies who make a packet from producing the slim volumes.

● The penchant exhibited by other nationalities for awful drinks, such as the American taste for sweetened iced tea — which everyone else realizes is simply stewed and cold — is legendary. But the Japanese have come up with the worst so far — Sapporo Breweries is launching a beer which is to be drunk, as its name suggests, "On the Rocks."

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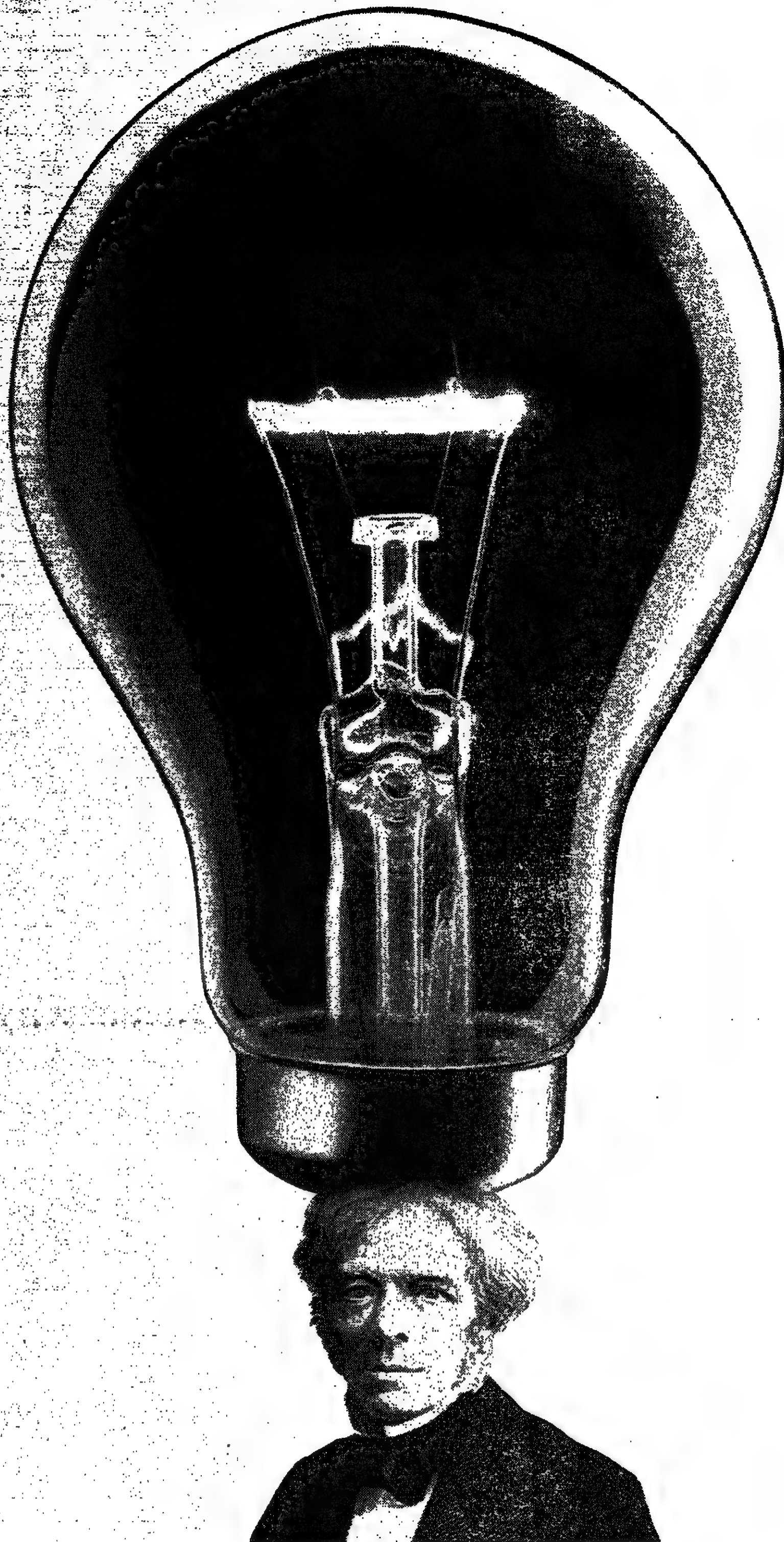
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That's the generating game: high stakes, tough rules and plenty of challenges. But it's a game we have to go on winning.

By using our magnets, like Mr Faraday said.

## THE GENERATING GAME

CENTRAL ELECTRICITY GENERATING BOARD



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## UNLISTED SECURITIES

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## FOREIGN EXCHANGES

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## MONEY MARKETS

Days Discount Cash Clearing Bank 12 Months Bank 12 Months		EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %				
Overnight Bank 12 Low	12 Months Week Bank 11%	Overnight	7 day	1 month	3 months	6 months
12 Months Bank 11%	12 Months Bank 11%	Dollar	0 1/8	0 1/8	0 1/8	0 1/8
Buying 2 1/8-11 1/2	11 1/2-11 1/2	Mark	0 1/8-7/8	0 1/8-7/8	0 1/8-7/8	0 1/8-7/8
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Prime Bank 11 1/2-11 1/2	11 1/2-11 1/2	Frank	0 1/8-7/8	0 1/8-7/8	0 1/8-7/8	0 1/8-7/8
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## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Open	High	Low	Close	Vol	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
<b>FT-SE 100</b>									
Mar 98	1000.00	997.00	998.00	1000.00	<b>US Treasury Bond</b>				
Mar 98	MT				30-31	90.00	90.00	89.94	
<b>Three Month Straddle</b>					<b>Long Gilt</b>				
Mar 98	88.50	88.15	88.15	88.15	30-31	90.00	90.00	89.94	
Mar 98	88.50	88.15	88.15	88.15	<b>Three Month Straddle</b>				
Mar 98	88.50	88.15	88.15	88.15	30-31	90.00	90.00	89.94	
Mar 98	88.50	88.15	88.15	88.15	<b>Japanese Govt Bond</b>				
Mar 98	88.50	88.15	88.15	88.15	30-31	90.00	90.00	89.94	
<b>Three Month Eurodollar</b>					<b>German Govt Bond</b>				
Mar 98	88.50	88.15	88.15	88.15	30-31	90.00	90.00	89.94	
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## COMMODITIES

LONDON RICE		LONDON METAL EXCHANGE			
DOCK	At Warehouse	Official prices—volume previous day		Retail Metal	
Dec 755-378					
Nov 771-770					
May 776-773					
COFFEES					
Nov 1118-1118					
Nov 1127-1125					
May 1120-1123					
SUGAR					
Nov 1235-1235					
Nov 1240-1240					
Nov 1245-1245					
Nov 1250-1250					
Nov 1255-1255					
Nov 1260-1260					
Nov 1265-1265					
Nov 1270-1270					
LONDON SUGAR FUTURES					
Nov 1275-1275					
Nov 1280-1280					
Nov 1285-1285					
Nov 1290-1290					
Nov 1295-1295					
Nov 1300-1300					
Nov 1305-1305					
Nov 1310-1310					
Nov 1315-1315					
Nov 1320-1320					
Nov 1325-1325					
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Nov 1335-1335					
Nov 1340-1340					
Nov 1345-1345					
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Nov 1375-1375					
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# Warrshan set to justify reputation

By Mandarini  
(The record of the  
Soham House Stakes at New-  
market this afternoon proves  
that the Dewhurst Stakes or  
the William Hill Futurity are  
not necessarily the right road  
to classic fame.)

The corresponding race last  
year was won by this year's  
Derby winner, Kalyani, while  
the 1985 runner, who landed  
the 2,000 Guineas and should  
have won the Derby.

Even without that back-  
ground today's race would still  
be of interest because  
Michael Stoute has decided  
that the ground is suitable for  
WARRSHAN, who has al-

ready been backed for next  
year's classics on the strength  
of some sparkling home work.  
Stoute withdrew this \$37  
million Northern Dancer colt  
from the Futurity at Doncaster  
last Saturday after the going  
had deteriorated.

The only time Warrshan  
has been seen in public was at  
Yarmouth last month when he  
won far more easily than the  
verdict of only half a length  
might indicate. He is napped  
now in the belief that he is far  
better than that have form  
might suggest.

Yet to paint this as a one  
mile race would be totally  
misleading. Henry Cecil, for  
instance, has decided to run  
Galliani, who won his last race

at Yarmouth by a wide margin,  
while Dancing Brave's trainer  
Gay Harwood is relying on  
Enigma, who showed promise  
in the race on the July Course  
won by that good filly Tessa.

Kalyani's trainer Luca Cini-  
ani introduces another  
untested colt belonging to the  
Aga Khan, Torjorn, who is by  
Green Dancer out of a sister to  
the French Derby winner Top  
Ville.

Michael Jarvis remains  
adamant that Froratori is  
better than he appeared at Ayr  
when he was beaten a length  
by Future Glory. However, he  
will need to be as good as  
Future Glory managed to be only  
one time in last Saturday's  
Futurity.

Although Froratori appar-  
ently was coughing when he  
returned home from Ayr, Jar-  
vis's best chance of success  
today lies with AONIA in the  
Futurity. This half-  
sister to the last horse Por-  
zando might well have won her  
last race at Folkestone, in-  
stead of finishing second, had  
she not been hampered by a  
loose horse a furlong from  
home.

The EBF Red Lodge  
Maiden Stakes, the other race  
for two-year-olds on the card,  
can go to SHALFEET,  
whose first effort against  
Green's Caneletto on the  
course a fortnight ago was so  
rich that he was named  
HIBERNIAN GOLD's sole

defeat in his last four starts  
was when he came up against  
the outstanding Mitto at  
Goodwood, and a horse of his  
calibre ought to be capable of  
beating even a filly as smart as  
Ashyara on the terms of the  
James Seymour Stakes.

There promises to be an  
enthralling race for the Plym-  
outh Gln Haldon Gold Cup at  
Devon and Exeter. The con-  
ditions and the distance are  
ideal for BARNBROOK  
AGAIN, who made such an  
exciting start to his chasing  
career last season when he  
beat his first stepchase over  
today's course and distance,  
and went on to take third in the  
Arkle Challenge Trophy at  
Cheltenham.

## NEWMARKET

### Selections

By Mandarini

1.15 WARRSHAN (nap)  
1.45 Harmony Park  
2.15 Hibernian Gold  
2.50 Bourbon Topsy  
3.20 Aonia  
3.50 Shalfeet.

By Our Newmarket  
Correspondent

1.15 WARRSHAN (nap).  
1.45 Nasdarovye.  
2.15 National Service.  
2.50 Bourbon Topsy.  
3.20 Kaskin.  
3.50 Mark Of Distinction.

By Michael Seely

1.15 WARRSHAN (nap). 2.50 Swirlin Gumbler.

Going: good Draw: no advantage

1.15 SOHAM HOUSE STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,795; 1m) (9 runners).

103 (8)	41	GALLAGHER 64 (C) Santa Monica 5-12	W S Eshbaugh	52
104 (9)	1	WARDENHAM 4-1 (S) (Shelby Hutchinson) M. Scott 5-12	W S Eshbaugh	53
111 (20)	2	TERPILDA 64 (J) Santa Monica 6 Harvest 5-12	W S Eshbaugh	54
112 (21)	3	PROCTOR 44 (C) Santa Monica 6 Harvest 5-12	W S Eshbaugh	55
115 (23)	3226	SAPPHO SCOTT 20 (S) (Thomas Photography) J. Dupont 8-10	W S Eshbaugh	56
116 (24)	4	SHANAMARI 44 (K) Kean 6 Santa Monica 5-12	A Krimberg	57
117 (25)	5	TINT TINT 70 (S) Santa Monica 6 Harvest 5-12	Y. Gidon	58
118 (26)	6	TORJON 44 (K) Kean 6 L. Cusack 5-12	Y. Gidon	59
125 (7)	5	SLEIGH 88 (S) (Lond David) W. Hastings 8-6	Dee McCook	60
SETTING: 4-7 Wardenham, 5-1 Gallant, 11-2 Torjoun, 10-1 Sappho Scott, 12-1 Eriogon, Samkran, 14-1				



# Experience of US helps Lyle and Ballesteros's start

From Mitchell Platts  
Golf Correspondent  
Sotogrande

It requires genuine skill and copious measures of that vital commodity — patience — to manage a challenging course like Valderrama as Severiano Ballesteros and Sandy Lyle each emphasized with first round scores of 68 in the Volvo Masters here yesterday.

The word whistled around on the caddy grapevine that the greens had been shaved, perhaps a touch too severely, and inevitably it scared many challengers. Ian Woosnam, for instance, was justifiably apprehensive since by his own admission he dislikes American courses on which Valderrama is styled, and his worst fears were realized as he took 75.

Even Nick Faldo, his powers of concentration unquestionably impaired by his energy tank being emptied by being constantly in contention this year, could not camouflage the strain. When his chip from the edge at the 14th slid five feet past the hole, causing him to drop a third successive shot, he angrily returned the offending implement to the bag. It was that kind of a day, although Faldo did well to finish with a 74.

The wind blew, harder than it had during practice, and more than 70 per cent of the

## Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	367	4	18	454	4
2	410	4	19	350	3
3	171	3	20	219	3
4	593	5	21	339	4
5	370	4	22	226	3
6	184	3	23	226	3
7	531	5	24	226	3
8	349	4	25	226	3
9	454	4	26	226	3

Out 3,405 In 3,615 Par 72

Total yardage: 7,020

Par 72

Field, the cream of European golf, had their cards soured by a six, seven, eight or even a 10.

Paul Kent, attached to Woosnam, suffered the ignominious fate of taking five putts at the third; José María Olazábal was on the green in one at the sixth, off it again in three and eventually down in six.

There were, of course, strokes of pure brilliance and some more lucrative such as the two-iron tee shot which Malcolm Mackenzie struck at the 15th. The ball pitched in the semi-rough, sprung forward and conveniently rolled on into the sanctuary of the hole. His first hole in one in tournament play earned him a Volvo car valued at £16,950. Nice work if you can get it, and there might be more to come for the Mackenzie bank account since he finished with a commendable 73.

Ballesteros, who had seven birdies, has apparently never managed a hole in one. He has, however, no fewer than 55 tournament victories to his

credit, including three Open championships and two Masters, while Mackenzie's only success came in the Zimbabwe open in 1985. What is more, the Spaniard, like Lyle, possesses the experience derived from years of competing on the demanding courses of the United States.

Lyle stressed that such sorries across the Atlantic gave the likes of Ballesteros, Faldo and himself a considerable advantage. He even went as far as to say that he might be prepared, if he was a betting man, to wager a few pounds on one of them winning.

He has certainly given himself a perfect start with a round that included seven birdies with three of them coming in succession from the 16th. He finished with a flourish by holing a bunker shot of 25 yards. What transformed his game was a new driver, one of the metal variety, which has a deeper head than most and a graphite shaft. With it, he controlled the ball with a precise touch without being required to harness his natural power.

**LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES:** (GB and Ireland only) 68, S Ballesteros (Spain), 73, S Faldo, 74, S Lyle, 75, S Mackenzie (Scotland), 76, S Woosnam (Wales), 77, S Kent, 78, S Faldo, 79, S Lyle, 80, S Mackenzie, 81, S Woosnam, 82, S Kent, 83, S Faldo, 84, S Lyle, 85, S Mackenzie, 86, S Woosnam, 87, S Kent, 88, S Faldo, 89, S Lyle, 90, S Mackenzie, 91, S Woosnam, 92, S Kent, 93, S Faldo, 94, S Lyle, 95, S Mackenzie, 96, S Woosnam, 97, S Kent, 98, S Faldo, 99, S Lyle, 100, S Mackenzie, 101, S Woosnam, 102, S Kent, 103, S Faldo, 104, S Lyle, 105, S Mackenzie, 106, S Woosnam, 107, S Kent, 108, S Faldo, 109, S Lyle, 110, S Mackenzie, 111, S Woosnam, 112, S Kent, 113, S Faldo, 114, S Lyle, 115, S Mackenzie, 116, S Woosnam, 117, S Kent, 118, S Faldo, 119, S Lyle, 120, S Mackenzie, 121, S Woosnam, 122, S Kent, 123, S Faldo, 124, S Lyle, 125, S Mackenzie, 126, S Woosnam, 127, S Kent, 128, S Faldo, 129, S Lyle, 130, S Mackenzie, 131, S Woosnam, 132, S Kent, 133, S Faldo, 134, S Lyle, 135, S 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# Rangers going over the top in pursuit of success in Europe

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Lack of self-control continues to be the downfall of Rangers in Europe. As they reviewed yesterday their defeat in Cologne, they must have been concerned that the indiscretions of Ally McCoist and Ray Wilkins on Wednesday night would appear to be as costly as those of Cooper and Munro two years ago.

Although Rangers eventually lost on penalties to Borussia Mönchengladbach in 1986, the dismissals of Cooper and Munro effectively cost the club a place in the last eight of the UEFA Cup. Now, a round earlier, McCoist and Wilkins have equally unnecessarily pushed the same destructive button in the same competition against West Germans.

There was no need for McCoist to lift his boot into the midriff of Steiner with only a few seconds of the first leg remaining. He had seemingly little to gain and much to lose — his right to play in the return fixture.

The red card waved by the Hungarian referee signalled that he would indeed be

automatically ruled out. The unavailability of Wilkins, who was booked for the second time in the competition, was not officially confirmed until the Mungersdorfer Stadium was dark and empty.

The prolonged confusion was caused because the yellow card was shown after Walters had mistimed a tackle from behind. But Wilkins, in kicking the ball away, was adjudged to have been guilty of dissent. Through British eyes, the action is unfortunately still seen to be no more than mere petulance.

Why, on earth, do British referees not take equally stringent action to rid the game of the most irritating of habits? Since they consistently ignore it, Wilkins is far from alone in being accustomed to buying time, without penalty, through illegitimate means.

Rangers, two goals down, may be sure that two men down for the second leg, an injury to Derek Ferguson, who fell awkwardly in the opening minutes, was later diagnosed as a dislocated shoulder. As Bryan Robson, among others,

has discovered, the complaint can recur with painful regularity.

Brown has also yet to complete his two-match suspension, imposed by UEFA after the full back scattered the contents of the bag belonging to GKS Katowice's physiotherapist, along an ibrox touchline in the last round. But, without McCoist and the wounded Durrant, the Rangers attack will be significantly depleted.

Ian Ferguson is expected to be pushed forward to partner Drinkell — the other Rangers representative to be cautioned in Cologne — in a fortnight. Graeme Souness, the player-manager, believes that "it will be a different game with different football and in different circumstances."

Had his optimism been based on the first 75 minutes on Wednesday, it would not only have been predictable but also justifiable. Yet his side, once broken by Janssen, dismantled their own challenge and he cannot realistically expect the organized structure of Cologne to collapse so quickly and so dramatically.

## McNeill concedes Celtic's lost cause

By Roddy Forsyth

There was cause for celebration, of sorts, at Parkhead yesterday. A video film made by the BBC to mark the club's centenary year was launched in the stadium's Jock Stein suite, but the recollection of former glories was bound to be counterproductive to the manager of Celtic, who had just been crowned champion in the European Cup by Walter Breen the night before.

Celtic had already accepted, with considerable grace, that they had been beaten by a measurably superior team. "If we are honest about our position we would say that we are new out of the tournament," Billy McNeill, the Celtic manager said.

"Of course, that is not to say we think we have no chance in the second leg. Nothing is definite when you have another game to play. We will have a very difficult job to do to get back into the tie. I don't believe it is beyond us, but we are a very powerful side as I think anyone who saw them here would agree."

"The difficult part for us is to accept that we lost. They scored their goal just when we were playing our best football of the game, at a point when we might have been two goals ahead ourselves."

The 10 minutes after the interval, when McNeill saw one shot hit the base of a post and another cleverly saved by Rock, after Celtic whatever vestige of hope they can sustain for survival in the return leg.

Throughout the first half, Celtic had failed to devise a method of penetrating Weir's

ability to defend in layers, forcing Celtic's forwards to play around the back and leaving the midfield players effective space to create chances.

Celtic repeatedly resorted to the use of the advancing full backs, Morris and Regan, to provide crosses into the penalty area. Against defenders of the stature of Brattseth, the Norwegian centre back who attracted a bid of \$200,000 from Manchester United, the play was not only fruitless but verging on the self-destructive.

Breen's capacity for sudden counterattacks became repetitive and if Middle and Ordenswits had properly attended to the chances which fell to them, Celtic could easily have been three goals behind by the interval.

The goal that divided the teams illustrated the debilitating safety which afflicts the Celtic defence. With the full backs of McCarthy and Middle, Ordenswits had a simple job to find Weir with a talking diagonal pass which appeared to mesmerize Weir, the solitary striker posted ahead of Breen.

Weir's shot, after his comfortable stride through the shredded Celtic defence, was an arrow which struck at the very heart of Celtic's problem.

A reversal of fortune may come in the European Cup, but only the astute purchase of at least two authoritative players can give McNeill's team any sustained hope of progress in the tournament.

## Welsh fire proved too urgent

By Nicholas Harrington

There was some comfort, though not much, for Cardiff City as they reflected on the damage inflicted on their hopes of progress in the European Cup Winners' Cup by the Dances from Aarhus. "At least," the club manager Frank Burrows said after his side's 2-1 home defeat, "we got through without any more injuries."

Of the five regulars doubtful beforehand, two, Wimbledon and Plataneau had started and a third, Cordis, who carried on as a substitute did not further aggravate his badly bruised knee. In the circumstances, Burrows was more than satisfied. The fact that Cardiff will go to Aarhus in the second leg with a priority for his right now.

As Burrows admitted, Cardiff could help themselves in a Jutland on November 9 were they to show more sophisticated football than they did after Gillingham had cancelled out the first of Kristiansen's goals.

"We fell into the age-old British trap of hitting too many long balls," the manager said. "It was hit and hope. We should have shown bit more thought. I know people have been saying that since creation, but we should have been playing thoughtful passes rather than hopeful ones."

Aarhus, well-served at the back by Kieper and their international goalkeeper, Rasmussen, weathered the storm before Kristiansen scored again after a long run had gone almost unchallenged. "An awful goal," Burrows said. "We had plenty of people back but they were just ineffective."

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Secret service: Fan Yi Yong, the Chinese player, in action against England at Birmingham

## Impressive series for Cooke

By Richard Eaton

The English national champion, Alan Cooke, produced his second outstanding performance in his win on the tour to far China. Cooke came from 10-17 down to win 22-20, 21-16 against Chen Zhibin, the Scandinavian Open champion, and then from 12-17 down to win by the same score against Hui Jun, the world No. 9.

Cooke, aged 22, from Chesterfield is an admirable mix of industry and his attacks buzzed confidently from both wings. Against Hui Jun, Cooke also produced some scintillating forehand counter-attacks that reflected his growing confidence.

England led 3-2 after the No. 1, Desmond Douglas, played before his home crowd, won 21-19, 24-22 against Chen Zhibin.

The first home victory of the series would have been registered had not Douglas missed two match points against Hui Jun. Instead a recovery from 11-17 to 19-17 in the final game by the former European Top Twelve champion just failed as he went down 21-17, 25-21, 22-24 to the Chinese player.

RESULTS: England 3, China 3 (English news: D Douglas lost to Hui Jun, 21-17, 25-21, 22-24; G Cooke to Chen Zhibin, 22-20, 21-16; S Andrew lost to Wang Zhong 16-21, 18-21; Cooke to Hui Jun, 21-19, 24-22; Douglas to Chen, 21-19, 24-22; Andrew lost to Fan Yi Yong, 19-21, 20-21).

CRICKET  
Sri Lanka overcome Pakistan  
From a Correspondent  
Dhaka

A youthful Sri Lanka surprised Pakistan by five wickets on the opening day of the four-nation Asia Cup tournament at the National Stadium yesterday. Pakistan recovered from a poor start to total 194 for seven in 44 overs, mainly due to a fine 54 off 58 balls by Jase Ahmed, who hit three fours.

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## Rugby League

### Reilly finds value of action speaking louder than words

By Keith Macklin

Twice in four months Malcolm Reilly has made important people swallow their words. First in July, he goaded, cajoled, drove and inspired an injury-ravaged mixture of experienced internationals and big game novices to Great Britain's finest hour in Australia since 1970.

Before that third international at Sydney, the Australian Press played a game of estimating the margin Australia, already two up in the series, would win as they completed another whitewash series against the many and demoralized British Lions. Kinder pundits said 30 points; the more brutal 50 points. Wally Lewis, the Australian captain, would be carried around the Sydney Football Stadium in triumph after a further humiliation of the British.

It is now history that Great Britain had 2,000 British supporters dancing on the terraces and Union Jacks with an old-fashioned display of jingoism, while Lewis wandering around in a daze reminiscent of a boxer who has just staggered to his feet after the count of 10. One Australian journalist, who had predicted a massacre of Britain, came to the dressing room to talk to Reilly. With carefully chosen words, he will not be flattered into accepting a post which is glamorous on the surface, but which became a bed of nails for Frank Myler, Johnny Whiteley and Maurice Bamford.

Don Furner, the Rest of the World coach, yesterday made a positional change to play Great Britain tomorrow. Sam Backo moves up from substitute to take the place of Adrian Shelford (injured) in the front row. Peter Brown, who was brought in to the squad when Shelford was injured, takes Backo's place as substitute.

## Rugby Union

### Oxford to learn restraint Rogers is recalled by Ulster

By Peter Bills

During the attacking ambitions of side has not exactly been a widespread task for club coaches in this part of the world of late. Stagnant play has been too pervasive: invention the brainchild of a few.

However, the Oxford University coach, Lya Evans, believes his postscript of overseas players must add a dash of restraint to the exciting play which has hallmarked the season.

Oxford's victory over Northampton this week demonstrated Evans's point. Constant bravado threatened to dismantle a handsome 19-3 half-time lead.

Nevertheless, the rugby being produced by a side containing Australians, South Africans, Welshmen, a New Zealander, Irishman and Englishmen, is compellingly entertaining.

With a tighter forward platform in mind, the former Cambridge Blue, Bill Stileman, was introduced in midweek.

Stileman is no greyhound but his value in addressing more mundane tasks up front indicates he might well join that select group that has won Blues at both universities.

## Non-League Football

### Success scent rubs off on Fisher and Welling

By Paul Newman

Millwall are not the only club from South-East London to enjoy unexpected success this season. In the GM Vauxhall Conference Welling United and Fisher Athletic lie third and sixth respectively, the highest positions the two clubs have reached in their brief histories.

Their progress is a classic example of how the managerial structure allows ambitious clubs to progress, for until the 1970s, both were playing park football. Welling, formed only 25 years ago, reached the Conference via the Metropolitan London, London Spartan, Albanian, and Southern Leagues, while Fisher progressed through the Kent Amateur League, London Spartan, and Southern Leagues.

Welling reached the Conference first, but only narrowly escaped relegation in their first two seasons. Graham Hobbins handed over the managerial reins this summer after 22 years to his assistant, Nicky Bridgen. With Bridgen reluctant to assume more responsibility because of business commitments, Ray Burgess, the club's longest-serving player, is being groomed as a future manager.

However, after Welling's performance this season, Bridgen may have second thoughts.

Welling put their success down to the confidence in defence which three summer signings have brought: John Glover, a £2,000 purchase from Maidstone United, Tony Macdonald, a free transfer from

Medallist at Cumbernauld  
Nick Gillingham makes his first appearance in Britain next month since winning an Olympic silver medal in Seoul.

The Walsall breakthrough, who finished second in the 200 metres final breaking David Wilkie's 12-year-old British record in the process, takes part in the Cumbernauld International from Nov 11 to 13.

## United dogged by old habits

By Clive White

Jim McLean is not one of those managers who suffer temporary blindness whenever the opposition come into view. He is capable of being as appreciative of the other side as he is critical of Dundee United.

After spending four days castigating his team for their spindly performance in the home defeat to St Mirren last Saturday, he was almost complimentary of United as he was of Dynamo Bucharest at Ibrox Park on Wednesday despite the Scots' near fatal 1-0 defeat in the first leg of the Cup Winners' Cup second-round tie.

But while United could not be faulted for effort, how much more convincing it would have been for McLean had he been able to praise their technical

work to the same degree as he did that of the Romanians. If only British players were as astute in the continental skills as McLean obviously is.

Playing conditions cannot be held responsible for the flaws in basic technique which we regularly see at the highest levels of the game in England and Scotland. McLean believes every situation at an impressionable age for quenching the thirst for more. Too many honours, too much competition, too little time. "I used to be a good coach when I was younger. Nowadays there are too many distractions," McLean said.

The more successful teams become, the less chance they have of improving. It is football's Catch 22. In one eight-week spell recently, United scored 32 goals in the continental cup. All play and no work is making the British a dull lot and unsuccessful, too, judging by the results of Scottish clubs in Europe this week.

United's slim hopes of progressing to the quarter-final round of their competition will depend upon their ability and pace to stride from deep positions in much the same way as players like Vaisovic did to stunning effect for the Romanians. To succeed United will have to set a personal record in this competition. That of scoring their first goal away from home. But as the British know to their cost, old habits die hard.

Wednesday to make Friday Eustace's day  
Peter Eustace is expected to be named as the new manager of Sheffield Wednesday today.

Eustace, aged 44, a Wednesday supporter from his childhood, was deputy to Howard Wilkinson before his move to Leeds United. Since then he has acted as caretaker manager.

## Optimism after ANC talks soccer to League

By David Miller

The gulf between ideology and reality in South African sport, and in Africa, is narrowing. This was evident in the meeting between representatives of the National Soccer League, South Africa's non-racial, black-orientated and wholly integrated professional league, and the ANC at the latter's headquarters in Lusaka, Zambia.

This meeting carries far more relevance, and optimism for a re-establishment of international contact, than does the rugby conference with the ANC which took place in Harare, initiated by Danie Craven for the South African Rugby Board.

All black African nations are conscious that the anti-apartheid sporting boycott is not withstanding the political idealogy, disadvantageous to black football development.

There are 600,000 members of the Soccer Association of South Africa, the parent body of the NSL, compared with a mere 15,000 members of the Football Association of South Africa, the white-dominated body which lost FIFA affiliation in 1976.

The significance of SASA's contribution to black African culture was acknowledged at last year's meeting of the Supreme Council of Sport in Africa in Harare.

The contact between the ANC

## FOR THE RECORD

BOXING  
ROYAL ALBERT HALL: Light-welterweight Steve West (Farnham) vs Jim Burt (Barnet) (provisional) and middleweight Steve West (Farnham) vs Jim Burt (Barnet) (provisional).

FOOTBALL  
MONTEDUELO: Llaneros de Cienfuegos, second league Nacional (Cienfuegos), 1-0 (Goal: Nelson) vs 1-0 (Goal: Nelson) vs 1-0 (Goal: Nelson).

GOLF  
TOUR: Japan International Tournament: First round: T. Otsu, 66; N. Otsu, 67; T. Otsu, 68; N. Otsu, 69; T. Otsu, 70; N. Otsu, 71; T. Otsu, 72; N. Otsu, 73; T. Otsu, 74; N. Otsu, 75; T. Otsu, 76; N. Otsu, 77; T. Otsu, 78; N. Otsu, 79; T. Otsu, 80; N. Otsu, 81; T. Otsu, 82; N. Otsu, 83; T. Otsu, 84; N. Otsu, 85; T. Otsu, 86; N. Otsu, 87; T. Otsu, 88; N. Otsu, 89; T. Otsu, 90; N. Otsu, 91; T. Otsu, 92; N. Otsu, 93; T. Otsu, 94; N. Otsu, 95; T. Otsu, 96; N. Otsu, 97; T. Otsu, 98; N. Otsu, 99; T. Otsu, 100; N. Otsu, 101; T. Otsu, 102; N. Otsu, 103; T. Otsu, 104; N. Otsu, 105; T. Otsu, 106; N. Otsu, 107; T. Otsu, 108; N. Otsu, 109; T. Otsu, 110; N. Otsu, 111; T. Otsu, 112; N. Otsu, 113; T. Otsu, 114; N. Otsu, 115; T. Otsu, 116; N. Otsu, 117; T. Otsu, 118; N. Otsu, 119; T. Otsu, 120; N. Otsu, 121; T. Otsu, 122; N. Otsu, 123; T. Otsu, 124; N. Otsu, 125; T. Otsu, 126; N. Otsu, 127; T. Otsu, 128; N. Otsu, 129; T. Otsu, 130; N. Otsu, 131; T. Otsu, 132; N. Otsu, 133; T. Otsu, 134; N. Otsu, 135; T. Otsu, 136; N. Otsu, 137; T. Otsu, 138; N. Otsu, 139; T. Otsu, 140; N. Otsu, 141; T. Otsu, 142; N. Otsu, 143; T. Otsu, 144; N. Otsu, 145; T. Otsu, 146; N. Otsu, 147; T. Otsu, 148; N. Otsu, 149; T. Otsu, 150; N. Otsu, 151; T. Otsu, 152; N. Otsu, 153; T. Otsu, 154; N. Otsu, 155; T. Otsu, 156; N. Otsu, 157; T. Otsu, 158; N. Otsu, 159; T. Otsu, 160; N. Otsu, 161; T. Otsu, 162; N. Otsu, 163; T. Otsu, 164; N. Otsu, 165; T. Otsu, 166; N. Otsu, 167; T. Otsu, 168; N. Otsu, 169; T. Otsu, 170; N. Otsu, 171; T. Otsu, 172; N. Otsu, 173; T. Otsu, 174; N. Otsu, 175; T. Otsu, 176; N. Otsu, 177; T. Otsu, 178; N. Otsu, 179; T. Otsu, 180; N. Otsu, 181; T. Otsu, 182; N. Otsu, 183; T. Otsu, 184; N. Otsu, 185; T. Otsu, 186; N. Otsu, 187; T. Otsu, 188; N. Otsu, 189; T. Otsu, 190; N. Otsu, 191; T. Otsu, 192; N. Otsu, 193; T. Otsu, 194; N. Otsu, 195; T. Otsu, 196; N. Otsu, 197; T. Otsu, 198; N. Otsu, 199; T. Otsu, 200; N. Otsu, 201; T. Otsu, 202; N. Otsu, 203; T. Otsu, 204; N. Otsu, 205; T. Otsu, 206; N. Otsu, 207; T. Otsu, 208; N. Otsu, 209; T. Otsu, 210; N. Otsu, 211; T. Otsu, 212; N. Otsu, 213; T. Otsu, 214; N. Otsu, 215; T. Otsu, 216; N. Otsu, 217; T. Otsu, 218; N. Otsu, 219; T. Otsu, 220; N. Otsu, 221; T. Otsu, 222; N. Otsu, 223; T. Otsu, 224; N. Otsu, 225; T. Otsu, 226; N. Otsu, 227; T. Otsu, 228; N. Otsu, 229; T. Otsu, 230; N. Otsu, 231; T. Otsu, 232; N. Otsu, 233; T. Otsu, 234; N. Otsu, 235; T. Otsu, 236; N. Otsu, 237; T. Otsu, 238; N. Otsu, 239; T. Otsu, 240; N. Otsu, 241; T. Otsu, 242; N. Otsu, 243; T. Otsu, 244; N. Otsu, 245; T. Otsu, 246; N. Otsu, 247; T. Otsu, 248; N. Otsu, 249; T. Otsu, 250; N. Otsu, 251; T. Otsu, 252; N. Otsu, 253; T. Otsu, 254; N. Otsu, 255; T. Otsu, 256; N. Otsu, 257; T. Otsu, 258; N. Otsu, 259; T. Otsu, 260; N. Otsu, 261; T. Otsu, 262; N. Otsu, 263; T. Otsu, 264; N. Otsu, 265; T. Otsu, 266; N. Otsu, 267; T. Otsu, 268; N. Otsu, 269; T. Otsu, 270; N. Otsu, 271; T. Otsu, 272; N. Otsu, 273; T. Otsu, 274; N. Otsu, 275; T. Otsu, 276; N. Otsu, 277; T. Otsu, 278; N. Otsu, 279; T. Otsu, 280; N. Otsu, 281; T. Otsu, 282; N. Otsu, 283; T. Otsu, 284; N. Otsu, 285; T. Otsu, 286; N. Otsu, 287; T. Otsu, 288; N. Otsu, 289; T. Otsu, 290; N. Otsu, 291; T. Otsu, 292; N. Otsu, 293; T. Otsu, 294; N. Otsu, 295; T. Otsu, 296; N. Otsu, 297; T. Otsu, 298; N. Otsu, 299; T. Otsu, 300; N. Otsu, 301; T. Otsu, 302; N. Otsu, 303; T. Otsu, 304; N. Otsu, 305; T. Otsu, 306; N. Otsu, 307; T. Otsu, 308; N. Otsu, 309; T. Otsu, 310; N. Otsu, 311; T. Otsu, 312; N. Otsu, 313; T. Otsu, 314; N. Otsu, 315; T. Otsu, 316; N. Otsu, 317; T. Otsu, 318; N. Otsu, 319; T. Otsu, 320; N. Otsu, 321; T. Otsu, 322; N. Otsu, 323; T. Otsu, 324; N. Otsu, 325; T



